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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Home #</u>	<u>Term Exp.</u>
BOARD OF SELECTMEN – 669-6431			
Nancy J. Goulart	631 Gray Terrace No. Dighton	508-823-6179	2010
Richard Hegeman	2440 Chestnut St. No. Dighton	508-252-6432	2008
Thomas J. Pires	3223 Millers Ln. Dighton	508-669-5186	2009
TOWN CLERK – 669-5411			
Susana Medeiros	1281 Center St. Dighton	774-872-1111	2010
TOWN TREASURER – 669-5411			
Susana Medeiros	1281 Center St. Dighton	774-872-1111	2010
TOWN COLLECTOR – 669-5411			
Susana Medeiros	1281 Center St. Dighton	774-872-1111	2010
TOWN MODERATOR – 669-6431			
William E. McKeon, Jr.	2308 Pleasant St. Dighton	508-669-6340	2008
BOARD OF ASSESSORS – 669-5043			
Carol A. Beauregard	472 Estherbrook Ave. Dighton	508-669-6291	2010
Pauline A. Smith	No. Dighton	508-669-6190	2008
Clerk			
Joseph Silva, Jr.	1668 Pine St. Dighton	508-669-5606	2009
TREE WARDEN – 669-6431			
Thomas Ferry	741 Main St. Dighton	508-669-5709	2009

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Home #</u>	<u>Term Exp.</u>
D-R SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE – 508-252-5000			
Lisa Gay	1850 Pinehill Rd. No. Dighton	508-669-6408	2009
Howard J. Horsman	1782 Wheeler St. No. Dighton	508-822-3882	2009
Barbara S. Murray	2300 Fieldstone Dr. No. Dighton	508-669-6519	2008
William Newman	2440 Maple Swamp Rd. No. Dighton	508-252-5994	2010
Janice M. Terry	66 Walker St. No. Dighton	508-823-1194	2008
PLANNING BOARD – 508-669-6636			
Robert C. Boughner	477 Estherbrook Ave. Dighton	508-669-6595	2011
Stephen T. Gilbert	1780 Smith St. Dighton	508-669-9084	2009
Chairman Kenneth J. Araujo	Dighton	508-669-6988	2008
Clerk David J. Araujo	790 Tremont St. No. Dighton	508-823-4911	2010
Vice Chairman Bruce M. Murphy	238 Chase St. No. Dighton	508-822-7445	2012
PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES – 508-669-6421			
Virginia E. Berube	660 Sesame St. No. Dighton	508-828-6507	2010
Paul Couture	176 Center St. Dighton	508-669-6273	2008
Chairman Lynn A. Dupont	240 Country Hill Dr. No. Dighton	508-669-5157	2009

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Home #</u>	<u>Term Exp.</u>
PLAYGROUND COMMISSIONERS – 508-669-6431			
Timothy Rapoza	149 Sandpiper Way No. Dighton		2008
Heidi Swist	223 Muddy Cove Ln. Dighton	508-669-5440	2010
Robert J. Woods	158 Chase St. No. Dighton	508-669-6490	2009
HOUSING AUTHORITY – 508-823-8361			
Edward J. Olney	883 Prospect St. No. Dighton	508-823-0836	2011
Roberta M. Perry	63 Summer St. No. Dighton	508-824-7892	2008
Alice E. Souza	1679 Elm St. Dighton	508-669-5776	2010
Chairman			
Frank G. Costa	900 Somerset Ave. No. Dighton	508-669-5327	2012
State Appointment			
Alan B. Medeiros	2260 Fieldstone Dr. No. Dighton	508-880-5656	2009
SEWER COMMISSIONERS – 508-669-5111			
Timothy Lynch	396 Riverside Dr. No. Dighton	508-880-0291	2010
Chairman			
William Costa	683 Somerset Ave. No. Dighton	508-669-5719	2009
Clerk			
Gregory F. Olsen	926 Main St. Dighton		2008

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office #</u>	<u>Term Exp.</u>
AGENT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH		
Helen Kadlec	669-6431	6/30/2008
Joseph Lawrence	669-4524	6/30/2008
Susana Medeiros	669-6431	6/30/2008
Joseph Pacheco	669-6431	6/30/2008
Alice Souza	669-6431	6/30/2008
Pamela Waller	669-5411	6/30/2008
AGENT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN		
Joseph Lawrence	669-4524	6/30/2008
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL LIAISON		
Edward Dutra		6/30/2008
BOARD OF APPEALS		
Robert Adams	669-4507	6/30/2010
Peter Caron	669-4507	6/30/2009
Kenneth Pacheco	669-4507	6/30/2009
Joseph Pacheco	669-4507	6/30/2008
Kenneth Rebello	669-4507	6/30/2008
E. Bud Whaton	669-4507	6/30/2009
BRIDGE TENDER		
Thomas Ferry		6/30/2008
BUILDING INSPECTOR		
Joseph Lawrence	669-4524	6/30/2008
BURIAL AGENT		
Arthur Morton		6/30/2008
BY-LAW COMMITTEE		
Jesse Andrade		6/30/2008
Richard Gunther		6/30/2008
Paul Pacheco		6/30/2008
Kevin Perry		6/30/2008
Michael Rebello		6/30/2008
Edward Silvia		6/30/2008
CABLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE		
Mark Horner		6/30/2008
Edward Olney		6/30/2008
Roberta Perry	824-7892	6/30/2008
James Ready		6/30/2008
Ronald Smith	669-6431	6/30/2008

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office #</u>	<u>Term Exp.</u>
CEMETERY COMMISSION		
Thomas Ferry		6/30/2008
Arthur Morton		6/30/2008
Elaine Varley		6/30/2008
CIVIL DEFENSE ASSISTANT		
Jesse Andrade		6/30/2008
CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR		
Paul Correa	669-5461	6/30/2008
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
John Crawford	669-6431	6/30/2008
James Digits	669-6431	6/30/2008
William Frenette	669-6431	6/30/2008
Charles Mello	669-6431	6/30/2008
Nicholas Santore	669-6431	6/30/2008
CONSTABLE		
Thomas Medeiros		6/30/2008
Susana Medeiros	669-5411	6/30/2008
Mickelle Razvitas		6/30/2008
COUNCIL ON AGING		
Thomas Ferry		5/31/2010
James Hoyer	669-4348	5/31/2009
Gloria Johnson		5/31/2010
Joseph Lawrence	669-4524	5/31/2010
Harold Mendoza		5/31/2009
Carol Nagle		5/31/2009
Roberta Perry		5/31/2008
Nicholas Santore		5/31/2008
Joan Woods		5/31/2009
DIGHTON CULTURAL COUNCIL		
Kristen Kearns		6/30/2008
Betty McKenna		6/30/2008
Margaret St. Ours		6/30/2008
Colleen Swanson		6/30/2008
Glonmar Vargas		6/30/2008
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES		
Robert Woods	669-5027	6/30/2008

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office #</u>	<u>Term Exp.</u>
DISASTER COMMITTEE		
Paul DeMoura		6/30/2008
Nancy Goulart	669-6431	6/30/2008
Richard Hegeman		6/30/2008
Robert MacDonald		6/30/2008
Thomas Pipes		6/30/2008
James Ready		6/30/2008
Antone Roderick, Jr.		6/30/2008
DOG OFFICER		
Joy Bannister		6/30/2008
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER		
Nancy Goulart	669-6431	6/30/2008
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, BOARD OF SELECTMEN		
Annette Wertz	669-6431	6/30/2008
FENCE VIEWERS		
Carol Beauregard	669-5043	6/30/2008
Joseph Silva, Jr.	669-5043	6/30/2008
Pauline Smith	669-5043	6/30/2008
FISH & GAME WARDEN		
Anthony Ferris		6/30/2008
Thomas Ferry		6/30/2008
Robert Woods		6/30/2008
FORTY B COMMITTEE		
Jim Howland		6/30/2008
Charles Mello	669-6431	6/30/2008
Bruce Murphy		6/30/2008
Kenneth Pacheco		6/30/2008
Alice Souza	824-0095	6/30/2008
Paul Urban		6/30/2008
DIGHTON CULTURAL COUNCIL		
Kristen Kearns		6/30/2007
Betty McKenna		6/30/2007
Margaret St. Ours		6/30/2007
Colleen Swanson		6/30/2007
Glorimar Vargas		6/30/2007
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES		
Robert G. Perry	669-5027	6/30/2007

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office #</u>	<u>Term Exp.</u>
DISASTER COMMITTEE		
Frank Costa		6/30/2007
Paul DeMoura		6/30/2007
Richard Hegeman		6/30/2007
Robert MacDonald		6/30/2007
Thomas Pires		6/30/2007
James Ready		6/30/2007
Antone Roderick		6/30/2007
DOG OFFICER		
Joy Bannister		6/30/2007
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER		
Frank Costa		6/30/2007
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY / BOARD OF SELECTMEN		
Annette Wertz	669-6431	6/30/2007
FENCE VIEWERS		
David Long	669-5043	6/30/2007
Joseph Silva, Jr.	669-5043	6/30/2007
Pauline Smith	669-5043	6/30/2007
FISH & GAME WARDEN		
Anthony Ferris		6/30/2007
Thomas Ferry		6/30/2007
Robert Woods		6/30/2007
FORTY B COMMITTEE		
Jim Howland		6/30/2007
Charles Mello	669-5431	6/30/2007
Bruce Murphy		6/30/2007
Kenneth Pacheco		6/30/2007
Alice Souza	824-0095	6/30/2007
Paul Urban		6/30/2007
GAS APPLIANCE INSPECTOR		
Donald French		6/30/2008
GAS APPLIANCE INSPECTOR (ASSISTANT)		
Jeff Potter		6/30/2008
GRAVES OFFICER		
David L. Marvill		6/30/2008
HANDICAPPED COMMITTEE		
Nancy Goulart	669-6431	6/30/2008

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office #</u>	<u>Term Exp.</u>
HARBORMASTER		
Ron Marino	669-6431	6/30/2008
HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
Wayne Dumenigo		6/30/2008
Gregg Ferreira		6/30/2008
Richard Gunther		6/30/2008
Lois Rose McCormick		6/30/2008
Colette McKeon		6/30/2008
Elaine Varley		6/30/2008
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS		
Paul Hoffshire		6/30/2008
INSPECTOR OF WIRES		
Peter Bleau	669-6431	6/30/2008
INSPECTOR OF WIRES (ASSISTANT)		
Mark Copeland	669-6431	6/30/2008
Joseph Linhares	669-4524	6/30/2008
INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE		
Carol Beauregard	669-5043	6/30/2008
Charles Cestodio		6/30/2008
Jeff Gagnon		6/30/2008
David McGuirk		6/30/2008
Harold Mendoza		6/30/2008
Christopher Ready		6/30/2008
Carol Stevens		6/30/2008
JTPB SRPEDD		
Donna Kulpa	669-6431	6/30/2008
JTPB SRPEDD (ALTERNATE)		
Thomas Pires		6/30/2008
LAND USE COMMITTEE		
Carol Beauregard	669-5027	6/30/2008
Jim Howland		6/30/2008
Wayne LePage	669-6910	6/30/2008
Susana Medeiros	669-5411	6/30/2008
David Neely		6/30/2008
Robert Perry		6/30/2008
James Ready		6/30/2008
Robert Woods	669-5027	6/30/2008
MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR RIGHT TO KNOW		
Antone Roderick, Jr.		6/30/2008

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office #</u>	<u>Term Exp.</u>
MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER		
Edward Dutra		6/30/2008
PARKING CLERK		
Paul DeMoura		6/30/2008
Harold Garcia	669-6431	
PLUMBING INSPECTOR		
Donald French	669-5702	6/30/2008
PLUMBING INSPECTOR (ASSISTANT)		
Jeff Potter		6/30/2008
POLICE CHAPLAIN		
Michael Murray		6/30/2008
POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF		
Robert MacDonald		6/30/2010
POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROLMEN		
Shawn Cronin		6/30/2008
James Duddy		6/30/2008
Ronald Duquet		6/30/2008
David McGuirk		6/30/2008
George Nichols, Jr.		6/30/2008
William Perry		6/30/2008
Douglas Roy		6/30/2008
POLICE DEPARTMENT SERGEANT		
Edward Dutra, Jr.		6/30/2008
James Lavigne		6/30/2008
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE		
Mark Duffy		6/30/2008
Robert MacDonald	669-6711	6/30/2008
Robert McNamara		6/30/2008
Antone Roderick		6/30/2008
Antone Roderick, Jr.	669-6611	6/30/2008
Heidi Swist	669-6636	6/30/2008
Wayne Wood		6/30/2008
RESERVE OFFICER		
Jerome Coetho		6/30/2008
Paula DeForitis		6/30/2008
Delfin Diosomito		6/30/2008
Roger Duarte		6/30/2008
Steven Ferreira		6/30/2008
Nicole Loura		6/30/2008

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office #</u>	<u>Term Exp.</u>
Patrick McCarthy		6/30/2008
William Rasmussen		6/30/2008
Ryan Richards		6/30/2008
Jonathan Rioux		6/30/2008
David Sheedy		6/30/2008
Shawn Silvia		6/30/2008
Sean Smith		6/30/2008
Bradley Steever		6/30/2008
Joy Swartzendruber		6/30/2008
SANITATION AGENT		
Joseph Pacheco		6/30/2008
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES		
Dana Wells		6/30/2008
SOIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Nancy Goulart		6/30/2008
Richard Hegeman		6/30/2008
Thomas Pires		6/30/2008
SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER		
Daniel Lowney, Jr.		6/30/2008
Richard Roussel		6/30/2008
Clifford Sadler, Jr.		6/30/2008
SRPEDD REPRESENTATIVE		
Donna Kulpa		6/30/2008
SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL		
Thomas Ferry		6/30/2008
TOBACCO CONTROL COORDINATOR		
Marilyn Edge	324-2423	6/30/2008
TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
Jennifer Luiz	669-6011	6/30/2009
TOWN COUNCIL		
Gay & Gay		6/30/2008
TOWN HISTORIAN		
Elaine Varley		6/30/2008
VETERANS AGENT		
Robert Woods	669-5027	6/30/2008

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

APRIL 3, 2007

The regular Annual Town Meeting for the Election of Officers for the Town of Dighton was held at the Dighton Elementary School on April 3, 2007 on warrant dated February 28, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Joan Ready, Warden. The balloting was under the supervision of Elaine Varley, Honorary Warden; Joan Ready, Warden; Roberta Perry, Clerk; Dolores Barboza, Eleanor Boegler, Terry Carpenter, Beverly Chaloux, Helen Compos, Mary Jane Kingsland, Mary Perry, Barbara Pierce, Barbara Simmons, Elizabeth Silvia, Alice Souza and Betty Spratt.

The polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the total number of votes cast was Eight Hundred Twenty Three. The ballots having been assorted and counted, the result was declared as follows:

Selectman for Three Years

Nancy J. Goulart	423	
Neil L. Sousa	395	
Blanks	2	
Others	3	823
Nancy J. Goulart declared elected		

Town Moderator for One Year

William E. McKeon, Jr.	606	
Blanks	210	
Others	7	823
William E. McKeon, Jr. declared elected		

Assessor for Three Years

Carol A. Beauregard	612	
Blanks	206	
Others	5	823
Carol A. Beauregard declared elected		

Town Clerk for Three Years

Susana Medeiros	675	
Blanks	146	
Others	2	823
Susana Medeiros declared elected		

Town Treasurer for Three Years

Susana Medeiros	663	
Blanks	160	
Others	0	823
Susana Medeiros declared elected		

Town Collector for Three Years

Susana Medeiros	656	
Blanks	167	
Others	0	823
Susana Medeiros declared elected		

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District Committee for Three Years

William Newman	588	
Blanks	231	
Others	4	823
William Newman declared elected		

Planning Board for Five Years

Bruce M. Murphy	487	
Lois R. McCormick	230	
Blanks	104	
Others	2	823
Bruce M. Murphy declared elected		

Public Library Trustee for Three Years

Virginia E. Berube	569	
Blanks	251	
Others	3	823
Virginia E. Berube declared elected		

Playground Commissioner for Three Years

Heidi Swist	604	
Blanks	217	
Others	2	823
Heidi Swist declared elected		

Sewer Commissioner for Three Years

Timothy P. Lynch	588	
Blanks	234	
Others	1	823
Timothy P. Lynch declared elected		

Housing Authority for Five Years

Frank G. Costa	604	
Blanks	213	
Others	6	823
Frank G. Costa declared elected		

ATTEST:

Susana Medeiros
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 4, 2007

The Annual Town Meeting duly called and held at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School on Monday, June 4, 2007, was called to order at 7:05 PM by William McKeon, Jr., Moderator. Salute to the flag was given. Checkers were Eleanor Boegler, Roberta Perry, Mary Perry, Joan Ready, and Alice Souza. Total attendance was 103.

Moderator William McKeon dedicated the Annual Town Meeting to Mr. Frank Costa, who served the Town of Dighton for two decades. He told the audience that Frank's political style was that he would always show respect and dignity to everyone that he encountered during his political career. Due to Frank's support the Town of Dighton has a very strong educational system. Frank is a gentleman with a gentle voice, but his message always carried loudly to the citizens of Dighton.

VOTED: On motion of Richard Hegeman to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Nancy Goulart to dispense with the reading of the Articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

VOTED: On motion of Thomas Pires to consider adjournment at 11:00 P. M.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED: On motion of Richard Hegeman to hear a report of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and a statement of the Board of Assessors, and the School Committee regarding tonight's warrant and that the reports of the Town Officials as printed and published in the Annual Town Report Book are accepted.

Richard Hegeman, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, asked for a moment of silence for town employees, Bill Grover, a teacher at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School and Carolyn DeMoura, the Office Manager in the Superintendent's office. He mentioned that the town is financially solid and that the wage and classification study was completed. The Police Department will be the recipient of a new police cruiser from the Dighton Power Plant in the fall and that the Fire Department received a donation of a Pumper Ladder Truck. Mr. Hegeman encouraged town residents to serve on committees such as, the By-Law committee, 40B committee, and the Finance committee.

Edward Swartz, Chairman of the Finance Committee explained that the Committee met with all the department heads over the last several months during the budget process to provide services to the town. He mentioned that the town for FY2008 was \$42, 000.00 under the levy limit. The Finance Committee is presenting a solid budget and they ask for your support.

Board of Assessors Chairman Carol Beauregard stated that the Board of Assessors is in agreement with the Finance Committee recommendations and thanks them very much for keeping everyone informed. As the Board of Assessors, they would like the Finance Committee to keep in mind for the Special Town Meeting in the fall to transfer a sum of money from free cash to reduce the tax rate.

School Superintendent Dr. Francis Connor, thanked the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for their continued support. Both Boards continue to be strong supporters and advocates for children's education. The Finance Committee and School Committee worked

very closely right up until the annual town meeting and their difference in the assessment was \$5,000.00. The school committee is in agreement with the \$355,000.00 assessment. Dr. Connor explained the new state formula for state aid to the schools and that Dighton received higher aid this year. He also praised the students for their achievements in academics, and their participation in athletics and extra-curriculums. Many of the students scored above average in the MCAS and SAT testing and there were several National Merit Scholars this year. He also mentioned that students at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School are admitted to the best schools.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED: On motion of Nancy Goulart that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Town Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

ARTICLE 3. NO MOTION: On motion of Thomas Pires to hear the Five-Year Capital Outlay Committee. No report. No committee formed at this time.

ARTICLE 4. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz that the salaries of elected Town Officials as appropriated within department Accounts be established for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Chairman	\$ 53,705.00
Members (2)	\$ 4,183.00
Each	\$ 8,366.00 Total

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Chairman	\$ 9,898.59
Member	\$ 7,552.56
Member	\$ 6,044.76

TREE WARDEN

\$ 200.58

MODERATOR

\$ 454.45

TOWN CLERK

\$ 18,573.67

TOWN COLLECTOR

\$ 18,573.67

TOWN TREASURER

\$ 18,573.67

PLANNING BOARD

Chairman	\$ 2,418.85
Members (4)	\$ 1,613.16
Each	\$ 6,452.64 Total

PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

Members (3)	\$ 500.00
Each	\$ 1,500.00 Total

ARTICLE 5. VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate and or transfer monies by account for the FY ending June 30, 2008.

ARTICLES UNDER ARTICLE 5
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 4, 2007

01-113 TOWN MEETING

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$ 332.69 for the Personnel Services of the Town Meeting Account.

01-114 MODERATOR

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$454.45 for the Personnel Services of the Moderator Account.

01-122 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$75,557.77 for the Personnel Services and \$24,000.00 for the expenses of the Board of Selectmen Account. Of this amount \$100.00 to be set aside for the out of state travel.

01-131 FINANCE COMMITTEE

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,900.00 for the Personnel Services and \$1,500.00 for the expenses of the Finance Committee Account.

01-132 RESERVE FUND

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for the Expenses of the Reserve Fund.

01-135 ACCOUNTANT

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$65,000.00 for the Personnel Services and \$5,000.00 for the expenses of the Accountant Account.

01-141 ASSESSORS

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$99,401.50 for the Personnel Services and \$10,598.50 for the expenses of the Assessors Account.

01-145 TREASURER

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$48,248.67 for the Personnel Services and \$14,251.33 for the expenses of the Treasurer Account.

01-146 COLLECTOR

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$49,568.67 for the Personnel Services and \$12,931.33 for the expenses of the Collector Account.

01-151 LAW (TOWN COUNSEL)

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$25,000.00 for the Expenses of the Law (Town Counsel) Account.

01-155 DATA PROCESSING

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$20,500.00 for the Expenses of the Data Processing Account.

01-158 TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$12,000.00 for the Expenses of the Tax Title Foreclosure Account.

01-161 TOWN CLERK

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$49,713.67 for the Personnel Services and \$1,786.33 for the expenses of the Town Clerk Account.

01-162 ELECTIONS

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,350.00 for the Personnel Services and \$3,100.00 for the expenses of the Election Account.

01-163 REGISTRATION

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$600.00 for the Personnel Services and \$2,400.00 for the expenses of the Registration Account.

01-171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

VOTED: On motion of Ed Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the Expenses of the Conservation Commission Account.

01-175 PLANNING BOARD

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$26,537.00 for the Personnel Services and \$8,733.00 for the expenses of the Planning Board Account.

01-176 BOARD OF APPEALS

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,010.00 for the Personnel Services and \$1,990.00 for the expenses of the Board of Appeals Account.

01-192 PUBLIC BUILDINGS

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$48,000.00 for the Expenses of the Public Buildings Account.

01-193 BUILDING INSURANCE

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$29,870.00 for the Expenses of the Building Insurance Account.

01-195 TOWN REPORTS

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,500.00 for the Expenses of the Town Report Account.

01-210 POLICE

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$675,507.00 for the Personnel Services and \$109,493.00 for the expenses of the Police Department Account.

01-215 COMMUNICATION CENTER

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$195,750.00 for the Personnel Services and \$6,250.00 for the expenses of the Communication Center Account.

01-220 FIRE

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$496,475.00 for the Personnel Services and \$107,525.00 for the expenses of the Fire Department Account.

01-231 AMBULANCE SERVICES

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town transfer from the Ambulance Fund \$77,200.00 for the Personnel Services and \$68,650.00 for the expenses of the Fire Department Ambulance Services.

01-241 BUILDING INSPECTOR

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$49,022.43 for the Personnel Services and \$2,077.57 for the expenses of the Building Inspector Account.

01-242 GAS INSPECTOR

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,400.00 for the Expenses of the Gas Inspector Account

01-243 PLUMBING INSPECTOR

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,100.00 for the Expenses of the Plumbing Inspector Account

01-244 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$969.08 for the Personnel Services and \$0.00 for the expenses of the Weights and Measures Account.

01-245 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for the Expenses of the Electrical Inspector Account.

01-291 CIVIL DEFENSE

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$770.00 for the Personnel Services and \$720.00 for the expenses of the Civil Defense Account.

01-292 DOG OFFICER

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$23,000.00 for the Expenses of the Dog Officer Account.

01-294 FORESTRY

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$366.58 for the Personnel Services of the Forestry Account.

01-295 HARBORMASTER

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,200.00 for the Expenses of the Harbormaster Account.

01-300-5690 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$7,878,808.00 for the operating and capital assessments from the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

01-300-5691 BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$22,328.68 for the Bristol County Agricultural High School operating assessment.

01-422 HIGHWAY

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$341,425.00 for the Personnel Services and \$128,575.00 for the Expenses of the Highway Account.

01-423 SNOW REMOVAL

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$13,000.00 for the Personnel Services and \$22,000.00 for the Expenses of the Snow Removal Account.

01-429 DIGHTON BERKLEY BRIDGE

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,144.64 for the Personnel Services and \$99.36 for the Expenses of the Dighton-Berkley Bridge Account.

01-433 WASTE COLLECTION DISPOSAL

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$7,682.88 for the Personnel Services and \$474,998.12 for the Expenses of the Waste Collection and Disposal Account.

01-491 CEMETERIES

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for the Expenses of the Cemeteries Account.

01-510 HEALTH (REGULATIONS)

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$21,250.00 for the Personnel Services and \$29,250.00 for the Expenses of the Health (Regulation) Account.

01-519 HEALTH (ADMINISTRATION)

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$11,000.00 for the Expenses of the Health (Administration) Account.

01-529 MOSQUITO CONTROL

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$400.00 for the Expenses of the Mosquito Control work in accordance with C. 112, Acts of 1931, M.G.L.

01-541 COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: On motion of William Copeland that the Town raise and appropriate \$66,330.00 for the Personnel Services and \$6,270.00 for the Expenses of the Council on Aging Account.

01-543 VETERANS SERVICES

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$18,942.16 for the Personnel Services and \$55,857.84 for the Expenses of the Veterans Services Account.

01-610 LIBRARY

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$128,958.00 for the Personnel Services and \$53,542.00 for the Expenses of the Library Account.

01-630 RECREATION

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,500.00 for the Personnel Services and \$16,300.00 for the Expenses of the Recreation Account.

01-690 HISTORICAL COMMISSION

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$500.00 for the Expenses of the Historical Commission Account.

01-698 CABLE COMMISSION

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$300.00 for the Expenses of the Cable Commission Account.

01-710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$96,900.00 and transfer from (Account 24-330-510-3300-309-40) Septic Loan Program Funds \$7,114.00 for the Expenses of the Retirement of Debt Account.

01-751 INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town raise and appropriate \$19,814.00 for the Expenses of the Interest on Long Term Debt Account.

01-752 INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT

NO MOTION: On motion that the Town raise and appropriate \$0.00 for the Expenses of the Interest on Short Term Debt Account.

01-911 RETIREMENT AND PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$436,157.00 for the Expenses of the Retirement and Pension Contributions Account.

01-912 WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$17,250.00 for the Expenses of the Workman's Compensation Insurance Account.

01-914 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$300,000.00 for the Expenses of the Group Health Insurance Account.

01-915 LIFE INSURANCE

VOTED: On motion of Richard Kowalski that the Town raise and appropriate \$700.00 for the Expenses of the Life Insurance Account.

01-916 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$36,000.00 for the Expenses of the Employer Contributions for FICA and Medicare.

01-920 TUITION

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for the Expenses of the Tuition Account.

01-945 LIABILITY INSURANCE

VOTED: On motion of Kevin Perry that the Town raise and appropriate \$161,162.00 for the Expenses of the Liability Insurance Account.

ARTICLE 6. NO MOTION: (Prior Year Bills)

ARTICLE 7. VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the following sums be expended under the direction of the Board of Sewer Commissioners:

SALARIES: \$ 77,550.75
EXPENSES: \$193,150.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY: \$ 60,000.00

The \$330,700.75 to be raised as follows:

\$220,000.00 to be raised through sewer receipts and \$110,700.25 to be transferred from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 8. VOTED: On motion William Costa to see if the town will authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to negotiate and enter into a 25-year agreement with the City of Taunton to provide for the reception and treatment of wastewater from the Town of Dighton in the wastewater treatment facilities located in the City of Taunton and in connection with such agreement to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to negotiate and agree upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town and provided further that the maximum financial liability of the Town of Dighton shall not exceed the Town's allocable use of the City of Taunton's wastewater treatment facility and other capital facilities related to the wastewater treatment plant all as determined by the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 9. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Thomas Pires that the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000.00 to facilitate upgrades, renovations of all town buildings to be under the control of the Board of Selectmen.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 10. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of David Araujo that the Town will vote to re-establish a revolving fund collected by the Dighton Planning Board into which shall be paid all money collected through the sale of subdivision rules and regulations, zoning by-law booklets and zoning maps. In addition, all fees submitted to the Planning Board accompanied with Form A's, Preliminary Plans, and Definitive Plans established in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Town of Dighton Sub-Division Rules & Regulations, Said monies to be expended from said revolving fund by the Dighton Planning Board for the advertising and certified mailings of Public Hearing notices, with proposed subdivisions engineers' fees, attorney's fees, amendment changes, zoning changes, long and short term planning purposes and related research, with a cap of \$30,000.00 (thirty thousand dollars).

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 11. VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz that the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the purpose of expending funds for capital improvements of local roads under the "Transportation Bond Issue" \$210,193.00.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 12. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Paul Couture that the Town will vote to re-establish a revolving fund into which shall be paid all fees collected by the Dighton Public Library for copying and printing services, said fees to be expended from said revolving account by the Trustees of the Public Library for purchase of printing/copying supplies, or take action thereon. Spending shall be capped at \$5,000.00.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 13. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Virginia Berube that the town will vote to re-establish a revolving fund into which shall be paid all overdue fines and monies collected by the Dighton Public Library for overdue, lost, and/or destroyed materials, said monies to be expended from said revolving account by the Trustees of the Public Library for the replacement of library materials, library programs or take any action thereon. Spending shall be capped at \$8,000.00.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 14. VOTED: On motion of Thomas Pires that the town will vote to make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain and to settle damages from land taken conjunction with the Fiscal year 2007 Highway program under Chapter 90, and the Town road improvement program.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 15. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Nancy Goulart that the town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds in the Treasury \$27,000.00 to perform an audit for FY 08.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 16. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Richard Hegeman that the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, to dispose of used materials returned to them, by sale at Public Auction.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 17. NO MOTION: Motion to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Stabilization Fund and to instruct the Assessors to use that sum of money for the reduction of taxes.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 18. VOTED: On motion of Alice Souza that the town will vote to establish a revolving fund into which shall be paid all fees, gifts, and donations received by the Dighton Council on Aging for services rendered by "PRIME TIME" (Adult Day Supportive Care). Said fees to be expended from said revolving account by the Council on Aging Board for the purpose of running the program or take any action thereon. Spending shall be capped at \$99,780.70.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 19. NO MOTION: On motion that the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000.00 for the purchase of one new police cruiser with all accessories. And to dispose of one 1999 Ford Crown Victoria with over 145,000 miles.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 20. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Robert MacDonald that the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000.00 as a (1st) year payment of a (7) year lease program for computer software for Emergency Dispatch, Fire and Police.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 21. VOTED: On motion of Nancy Goulart that the Motion to see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 44, Section 67, M.G. L. which allows advances of pay to be made to any officer or employee thereof in advance of his regular vacation to the extent of the pay to which he is about to be entitled during such vacation period.

On motion of Nancy Goulart to amend Article 21 by changing section 67 to section 65.

ARTICLE 22. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Antone Roderick, Jr. that the town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$28,000.00 as a fourth (4th) year payment on the Ambulance of a (5) five year lease program.

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 23. AMENDED: On motion of Richard Hegeman that \$196,000 is appropriated for the construction of an addition to and remodeling, reconstructing and making of extraordinary repairs to the Fire Station, including heating system repairs, original equipment and furnishings, and landscaping, paving and other site improvements incidental or directly related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$196,000 under G.L. c.44 §7 or any other enabling authority; and that the Board of Selectmen authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

On motion of Richard Hegeman to amend article 23 to be read as two separate motions as follows:

- 1) **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** On motion of Richard Hegeman that the town raise and appropriate \$46,000.00 for upgrades of the two fire stations, two heating systems in the stations and a roof at Station 2 and any repairs relative thereto.
- 2) **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY:** On motion of Richard Hegeman that the town transfer from stabilization \$150,000.00 for an addition to station two (2) in the north end of town.

ARTICLE 24. VOTED: On motion of Richard Hegeman that the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to sell at public auction all properties, which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

The Moderator appointed the following members of the Finance Committee for FY 2008:

William Copeland, 777 Spring Street, No. Dighton, MA 02764
Richard Kowalski, 1577 Berube Drive, No. Dighton, MA 02764
Paul Pacheco, 767 Williams Street, No. Dighton, MA 02764
Kevin Perry, 741 Council Oak Way, Dighton, MA 02715
Edward Swartz, 225 Country Hill Drive, No. Dighton, MA 02764
Wallace Wood, 1932 Pine Street, Dighton, MA 02715

VOTED: On motion of Richard Hegeman to dissolve meeting at 8:20 PM.

ATTEST:

Susana Medieros
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

NOVEMBER 5, 2007

The Special Town Meeting held on November 5, 2007, at the Dighton Middle School was called to order at 7:10 PM by William E, McKeon, Jr., Moderator. Salute to the flag was given. The checkers were Eleanor Boegler, Mary Perry, Joan Ready and Alice Souza. Total attendance was 192.

VOTED: On motion of Tom Pires to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Tom Pires to dispense with the reading of the articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

VOTED: On motion of Nancy Goulart to consider adjournment at 11:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Tom Pires to hear the reports of the Town Officials and act thereon.

For the Board of Selectmen, Chairman Richard Hegeman thanked everyone for coming this evening. He stated that all town meetings are important and reminded all residents that the Annual Town Meeting is when the \$13-14 million budget is discussed. He encouraged all residents to attend both the Annual and Special Town Meetings.

Finance Committee Chairman Edward Swartz stated that the Finance Committee would make their recommendations as each article is read.

Board of Assessor Chairman Carol Beauregard stated that the Assessors had no information to report.

VOTED: On motion of Nancy Goulart to accept the reports as read.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Nancy Goulart to see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash to pay prior year bills. No prior bills.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 13, Municipal Buildings Insurance Fund and to amend #945 Liability Insurance by transferring \$10,000.00 to this insurance fund.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 4. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will vote to amend account #945 Liability Insurance by transferring \$26,000.00 to the Selectmen's account #122 Professional & Technical expenses.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 5. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$10,000.00 to additionally fund the Town Counsel Account #151 expenses.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 6. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$700.00 for the GIS Software Mapping updates and new maps in the Data Processing Account #01-0-155-0000-70-5302.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$1,200.00 to additionally fund the Public Buildings Account #192 expense.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 8. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$17,000.00 to additionally fund the Police Department Account #210 personnel expenses and \$3,000.00 to additionally fund the expenses #210.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 9. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$8,000.00 to additionally fund the Fire Department Account #220 personnel expenses and \$7,000.00 to additionally fund the expenses #220.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Fund \$15,000.00 to additionally fund ambulance expenses.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 11. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$2,641.89 to additionally fund the Building Inspector Account #01-0-241-0000-50-5105.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 12. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Wallace Wood to see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$1,000.00 to additionally fund the Highway Department Personnel Account #422 personnel expenses and \$9,000.00 to additionally fund the expenses #422.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 13. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Wallace Wood to see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$1,000.00 to additionally fund the FY '07 Audit.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 14. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Wallace Wood to see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$1,495.42 and transfer from Stabilization Account \$18,504.58 to additionally fund the Building Upgrades Account #01-1-192-0000-08-5435.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 15. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Account #01-2-210-0000-06-5761 Medical Expenses Account \$72,772.72 into the Stabilization Account.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 16. VOTED: On motion of Nancy Goulart to see if the Town will vote to close Account #31-104-610-1040-2850-40 in the amount of \$200,000.00 for a new library and to transfer said amount into the Stabilization Account effective November 30, 2007.

Finance Committee recommends.

Yes – 127 No – 47 2/3 vote required

On motion of Paul Couture to amend article to keep account open until November 30, 2009.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion defeated.

ARTICLE 17. DEFEATED: On motion of Tom Pires to see if the Town will vote to increase the salaries for elected officials FY '07 as follows: Collector \$412.53, Treasurer \$412.54, Clerk \$412.53, full-time Assessor \$6,333.60, and part-time Assessor \$3,046.49.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

ARTICLE 18. NO MOTION: Motion to see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$10,617.69 to pay additional salary increases resulting from job classification study to the Town Treasurer, Collector, Clerk, full-time Assessor and part-time Assessor.

ARTICLE 19. NO MOTION: Motion to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Stabilization Account \$25,000.00 to pay an insurance settlement agreement.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 20. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Nancy Goulart to see if the Town will vote to grant to the Board of Selectmen the authority to obtain whatever parcels or easements as necessary, to make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain and to settle damages from land taken in conjunction with the reconstruction of Center Street and the Berkley-Dighton Bridge.

ARTICLE 21. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED: On motion of Nancy Goulart to see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Center Street for the new Berkley-Dighton Bridge.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Nancy Goulart to see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Center Street for the new Berkley-Dighton Bridge as it currently exists.

ARTICLE 22. VOTED AS AMENDED: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 5H, to set up a Tricentennial Celebration Account and to amend Account #945, liability insurance by transferring \$5,000.00 into this account.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 5H, to set up a Tricentennial Celebration Account and to amend Account #945, liability insurance by transferring \$5,000.00 from the liability insurance account into this account.

ARTICLE 23. VOTED: On motion of Chris Ready to see if the Town will vote to in addition to the payment of fifty percent of a premium for contributory group health insurance for employees in the service of the town and their dependents, pay an additional rate of 25%, for a total rate of 75% as provided for in Chapter 32B, Section 7A MGL. Town currently contributes 60% of the contributory group health insurance. Effective December 1, 2007.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 24. VOTED AS AMENDED: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will transfer from Stabilization \$17,220.00 to additionally fund the Group Health Insurance Account #914.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will transfer from free cash \$10,220.00 and \$7,000.00 from Account #945, liability insurance account to additionally fund the Group Health Insurance Account #914.

Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 25. VOTED: On motion of David Araujo to see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the roadway known as Julian's Way as shown on a recorded plan of land entitled, "Definitive Subdivision Plan, Shan-Lee Estates, Dighton, MA Plat Layout No. 1 and Plat Layout No. 2, Scale 1" = 40', Date: April 15, 2002, Rev. Aug. 10, 2002, Rev. 04/5/03" prepared by Miller Engineering, 21 Brook Street, Seekonk, MA 02771, recorded in Plan Book 416, Pages 10 and 11 with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, such acceptance being subject to conveyance in fee of said way by the owner or owners at no cost to the Town.

Planning Board recommends.

ARTICLE 26. VOTED: On motion of Richard Hegeman to see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the layout of Putter's Way and authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed of conveyance of the fee interest in said way together with all rights and easements to the way and the related drainage system. In connection with said drainage easements and system are the rights to flow drainage, in, under, over and through the drainage easements; to maintain and store water in the easement area(s) and to enter, construct, maintain and repair ditches, pipes, culverts and other drainage facilities within the drainage easement areas subject to the primary responsibility of the Homeowners Association to maintain all storm water drainage systems and related facilities.

Planning Board does not recommend.

Meets specifications by Highway Superintendent.

ARTICLE 27. VOTED: On motion of Tom Pires to see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the layout of Fairway Drive and authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed of conveyance of the fee interest in said way together with all rights and easements to the way and the related drainage system. In connection with said drainage easements and system are the rights to flow drainage, in, under, over and through the drainage easements; to maintain and store water in the easement area(s) and to enter, construct, maintain and repair ditches, pipes, culverts and other drainage facilities within the drainage easement areas subject to the primary responsibility of the Homeowners Association to maintain all storm water drainage systems and related facilities.

Planning Board does not recommend.

Meets specifications by Highway Superintendent.

ARTICLE 28. VOTED: On motion of David Araujo to see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the roadway known as Tiger Lily Road as shown on a recorded plan of land entitled, "Construction Plan, Tiger Lily Road, North Dighton, MA, Scale 1" = 40', Dated: April 24, 2000, Rev. Oct. 4, 2001, Rev. Mar. 4, 2002, Rev. Apr. 12, 2002" drawn by Pro-Line Engineering, 190 Gardners Neck Road, Seekonk, MA 02777, recorded in Plan Book #417, pages 69-72 with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, such acceptance being subject to conveyance in fee of said way by the owner or owners at no cost to the Town.

Planning Board recommends.

Meets specifications by Highway Superintendent.

ARTICLE 29. VOTED: On motion of David Araujo to see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the roadway known as Fresh Meadow Road as shown on a recorded plan of land entitled, "Construction Plan, Fresh Meadow Road, North Dighton, MA, Scale 1" = 40', Dated: April 24, 2000, Rev. Oct. 4, 2001, Rev. Mar. 4, 2002, Rev. Apr. 12, 2002" drawn by Pro-Line Engineering, 190 Gardners Neck Road, Seekonk, MA 02777, recorded in Plan Book #417, pages 69-72 with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, such acceptance being subject to conveyance in fee of said way by the owner or owners at no cost to the Town.

*Planning Board recommends.
Meets specifications by Highway Superintendent.*

ARTICLE 30. NO MOTION: Motion to act upon any other business that lawfully may be introduced at said meeting.

VOTED: On motion of Nancy Goulart to dissolve the Special Town Meeting of November 5, 2007 at 9:40 PM.

ATTEST:

Susana Medeiros
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2007

The Special Town Meeting held on December 3, 2007, at the Dighton Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 PM by William E, McKeon, Jr., Moderator. Salute to the flag was given. The checkers were Mary Perry, Joan Ready and Alice Souza. Total attendance was 37.

VOTED: On motion of Tom Pires to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Tom Pires to dispense with the reading of the Articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

VOTED: On motion of Tom Pires to consider adjournment at 11:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Tom Pires to hear the reports of the Town Officials and act thereon.

For the Board of Selectmen, Chairman Richard Hegeman stated that the Board had no report.

Finance Committee Chairman Edward Swartz stated that the Finance Committee would make their recommendations as each article is read.

Board of Assessor Chairman Carol Beauregard stated that the Board of Assessors had no report.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Nancy Goulart to see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$187.50 to pay prior year bills.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED: On motion of Edward Swartz to see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund \$200,000.00 to reduce the tax rate, or act there on.

*Finance Committee recommends.
2/3 vote required.*

VOTED: On motion of Nancy Goulart to dissolve the Special Town Meeting of December 3, 2007 at 7:20 PM.

ATTEST:

Susana Medeiros
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2007
CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

ART. #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	TAX LEVY	FROM FREE CASH AVAIL. FUNDS	REVOLVING FUNDS	FREE CASH TO REDUCE TAX RATE	FROM STABILIZATION	TOTAL
2	187.50		187.50				
3	200,000.00					200,000.00	
TOTALS	200,187.50		187.50			200,000.00	200,187.50

I hereby certify that the foregoing was voted at the Special Town Meeting held on December 3, 2007

ATTEST:

Susana Medeiros
 Susana Medeiros, Town Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

We look back on 2007 as a year of change, progress, and accomplishment. A committee was appointed to study the need and develop a plan for affordable housing. The Bylaws Committee continued working on revisions and a committee continued to work on prioritizing a list of town-owned land in order to make recommendations for its use.

Frank Costa retired after over twenty-one years of service to the town. The board extends its appreciation and thanks to Frank for his work as a selectman and as a member of the Board of Health. Also, belated thanks and appreciation is expressed to Gene Nelson for the many years he served as selectman and member of the Board of Health. David Long retired from the Board of Assessors. Our thanks to David for his many years of service to the town and best wishes to him for a long and enjoyable retirement.

With the April election and reorganization of the board, a new approach for the town's day-to-day operations was established. A management team was formed consisting of the selectmen and all department heads. The team meets monthly to discuss operations, upcoming events and projects in order to share information, coordinate efforts and utilize the talents and expertise of everyone.

The roof was replaced on the town hall during the summer. Upgrades were made to the upper and lower levels and the parking areas of town hall to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Highway Dept. did much of the work. The intersection of Hart and Pleasant Streets was reconstructed to improve safety. The fountain and trough at that intersection were relocated to the front of town hall and placed in the garden that was planned by the Garden Club and constructed by the Highway Dept.

With the assistance of the Historical Commission, VFW, and Highway Dept., a memorial was created and erected to commemorate Silas Talbot who was born in Dighton, fought in the Revolutionary War; served as the second commander of the U.S.S. Constitution, and may have been the town's first veteran. Dedication ceremonies were held on November 11 at the Veteran's Memorial Common.

Work began in preparation for the reconstruction of Center Street and the Berkley-Dighton Bridge. Representatives from Dighton and Berkley met with MA Highway representatives and project engineers from Charles H. Sells to establish a timetable for completing all of the local permitting and approvals needed for the project to move forward. Additional meetings were held that included the Dighton-Rehoboth and Bristol County Agricultural School Departments, police and highway departments, project engineers and selectmen to resolve safety issues as they relate to school children and the public prior to and during construction. A public hearing was held at the regional high school to explain the project, receive input, and answer questions.

As part of the approval given to Aquaria to build the desalination plant, the town was given a connection to be used to supply water as may be needed in the future. The board, as part of emergency preparedness, met with representatives of the Dighton Water District and the North Dighton Fire District to discuss the best way to provide water to the entire town should an emergency arise now that we have the connection to Aquaria. It was determined that the most feasible plan would be to have the Dighton Water District connect to Aquaria and that it serve as the backup supplier of water for the North Dighton Fire District. A plan and agreement will be drafted so that after approval by commissioners from both districts, grant funds may be

solicited to pay for the construction of the pipelines necessary to connect the two water districts. Residents living outside the districts would be able to get an emergency drinking water supply at designated places in town. Ronald Marino was appointed harbormaster to replace Nicholas Santore. The board expresses its thanks and appreciation to Nick who has served the town for many years not only as the harbormaster but also as a member of the school committee. We also look forward to Nick's continued service as a member of the Council on Aging and the Conservation Commission. As part of his Eagle Scout Project, Patrick F. Gray undertook restoration of the outside of the Segreganset School. The work was completed in time for the open house on Memorial Day. Many thanks to Patrick, his family. Troop 45 and the businesses and townspeople that contributed to the project.

Thank you to BG Dighton Power for its continued support and assistance with many programs and services for our citizens and civic organizations.

Voters approved the following: an addition to the north fire station, establishment of an account to offset liability insurance deductibles, an increase in the town's contribution for group insurance for active employees, and the establishment of a fund to begin planning for the celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the town's founding to be held in 2012.

We wish to express our appreciation to Annette Wertz, all members of the management team, employees, committees, boards, volunteers, and townspeople for their continued assistance and support during the past year and as we move forward for the mutual benefit of the town. We offer our sincere thanks to each and everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hegeman, Chairman
Nancy Goulart, Clerk
Thomas Pires, Member

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER/COLLECTOR

As of January 24, 2008, the total population was 7,303. There were 4,374 voters of which 1,202 were Democrats, 578 were Republicans, 2,546 were Unenrolled (no party affiliation), 30 were Libertarians, and 18 were of other designations. The General By-Laws of the Town of Dighton states that the annual meeting of the Town for the election of Town officers shall be held on the first Tuesday of April each year. The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

The official website of the Town established on January 1, 2004, continues to be an ongoing success. Many town residents have taken advantage of the website and have been better informed of what is happening in town government. I encourage all residents to visit our website at www.dighton-ma.gov. I would like to remind all residents that real estate tax bills are paid quarterly and that you need to retain the second payment coupons for your next payment. Many taxpayers have commented that they are taking advantage of paying their tax bills through the website.

As your Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector, I have been privileged to meet with many of the residents and I am very thankful for their continued support. We are very thankful to the Dighton Power for their continued support. I am truly thankful for the complete cooperation and dedication of my staff. This office is a very busy office and with their consistent hard work and total efficiency everything is always done in a timely fashion. Pam, Mary, and Helen are totally dedicated to their job duties and it shows in all their accomplishments within the last year. They always go above and beyond to do whatever is asked including any new duties that arise in the office. They are the backbone of the Clerk, Treasurer and Collector's offices and I look to their continued expertise in supporting our busy office.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectman, Department Heads, All Boards and Committees, and all town employees for their support and cooperation throughout the year. My sincere gratitude to Paul DeMoura and the Highway Department for always being so helpful in setting up the election equipment at the Elementary School and for any special requests for services in the office. A special thank you to the staff and students at the Dighton Elementary School for their cooperation during the elections.

Most of all I am very thankful for the support of the residents of Dighton and I continue to look forward in serving the residents of the Town of Dighton in every capacity with complete dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Medeiros

Town Clerk/Treasurer/Collector

DEATHS REGISTERED – 2007

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
<u>January</u>		
4	Helen L. Benson	69
6	Frances Gilchrist	77
21	Dorothy U. Ronahan	80
<u>February</u>		
13	Elizabeth Sullivan	92
17	Elizabeth Mae Koneski	87
20	Everett Joseph Curt, Sr.	65
24	James Michael Curley	85
<u>March</u>		
3	Albert Enos	91
10	Efthimia Ashley	52
14	Gertrude E. Cash	78
15	John Joseph Paiva	76
18	Joseph P. McLaughlin, Jr.	48
24	Margaret Frances Pires	88
24	Louise Ann McConnell	64
<u>April</u>		
17	Agnes Cecelia Weyland	89
21	Irene R. Gaucher	99
<u>May</u>		
20	Adele M. Ross	88
30	William Grover	78
31	Carolyn M. De Moura	59
<u>June</u>		
1	John R. Collins	85
3	Rose J. Klek	87
9	Robert Christian Christiansen	85
9	Alberta Fournier	64
12	Danny Carpenter, Sr.	67
<u>July</u>		
4	Emily C. Pilling	96
6	Cecelia Michaud	89
22	Phillip S. Bradley	48
27	Dorothy L. Chase	83

August

9	Joan Mary Coelho	51
16	Lionel C. Vieira	85
22	Scott F. Paiva	47
23	Charles A. Rose	91
31	Douglas W. Thompson	26
31	Vernon H. Steele	81

September

1	Angelina Alves	76
25	Paul E. Forand	35

October

18	Catherine Frances Yelle	61
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November

4	Albert Thomas Barrow	84
13	Mary M. Rapoza	79
19	Muriel Louise Brassard	80
20	Christiano Gomes Nobrega	91

December

8	June M. Hutchinson	81
24	Willard J. McCrady	81

MARRIAGES REGISTERED – 2007

January

7

James Michael Duddy of Dighton, MA and
Dawn Marie Winnfred Armstrong of Dighton, MA

March

1

Michael Edward Marshall of Dighton, MA and
Jocelyn Marie Louro of Dighton MA

3

Pamela Jean Cameron of Dighton, MA and
Gerard Romeo Deslauriers of Dighton, MA

April

4

Peter Robert Hutchinson of No. Dighton, MA and
Daniela Schwartz of 47661 Issum, Germany

21

Jessica Frances Alexander of Rehoboth, MA and
Gregg Joseph Araujo of Dighton, MA

28

Thomas Edward Foley of Dighton, MA and
Claire Ann Bergus of Dighton, MA

May

26

Deborah Marie Russell of Fall River, MA and
Lynn M. McGuire of Fall River, MA

June

1

Shawn Patrick Cronin of Dighton, MA and
Laura Ann Carignan of Dighton, MA

2

Robert W. Kearney of Dighton, MA and
Melissa R. Heywood of Dighton, MA

23

Carah Elizabeth Dawe of Boston, MA and
Kevin Leo Cahill of Murray, KY

23

Stephanie Lynne Warner of Plainville, MA and
Stephen Eric Woodcock of Plainville, MA

July

14

Douglas Paul LaBree of No. Dighton, MA and
Tracy Anne Faria of No. Dighton, MA

20

Heather Renee Dumoulin of Dighton, MA and
Anthony Joseph Almeida of Rehoboth, MA

20

John M. Baptiste of Taunton, MA and
Nancy Ann Blaine of Taunton, MA

August

4

Allyson Marie Osso of No. Dighton, MA and
Michael Alan Pires of E. Taunton, MA

4

Douglas William Giles of No. Dighton, MA and
Kristin Lynn Conaty of No. Dighton, MA

4

Lindsey Adele Maruca of Dighton, MA and
Zachary Russell James of Dighton, MA

4

Jason Daniel Holloway of Taunton, MA and
Jodi Beth Poole of Taunton, MA

August

18

Heather Kane of Dighton, MA and
Timothy James Dalton of No. Chelmsford, MA

September

8

Mandy Joy Ogilvie of Dighton, MA and
Christopher Michael Malo of Dighton, MA

22

Michael Peter Petrarca of No. Dighton, MA and
Ramona E. Sherman of No. Dighton, MA

December

1

Gregory A. Logan of Dighton, MA and
Ronda Lee MacKenzie of Dighton, MA

21

Aaron Gregg Emond of No. Dighton, MA and
Jane Alexandria Francois of No. Dighton, MA

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To The Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year 2007 in the following schedules:

Combined Balance Sheet	All Funds
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General Fund	
Receipts	
Disbursements	
Statement of Appropriations	
Budget Entries	
Fund Balance	

Special Revenue Funds	Highway
Receipts	
Disbursements	

Other Special Revenue Funds	
Receipts	
Disbursements	
Fund Balances	

Sewer Enterprise Funds	
Receipts	
Disbursements	
Budget Entries	
Fund Balance	

Trust Funds	
Receipts	
Disbursements	
Fund Balances	

Agency Funds	
Receipts	
Disbursements	
Fund Balances	

Municipal Indebtedness Analysis

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Luiz
Town Accountant

	GENERAL FUND	HIGHWAY FUND	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS	SEWER ENTERPRISE FIXED ASSETS	TRUST FUNDS	AGENCY FUNDS	ACCT. GROUP LONG TERM DEBT. ACCTS.	GENERAL FUND FIXED ASSETS
ASSETS										
Petty Cash	\$475.00		\$75.00		\$75.00					
Cash	\$215,887.85	(\$171,522.02)	\$1,814,101.44	\$200,000.00	\$640,887.01		\$897,742.73	\$873,387.92		
Receivables:										
Property Taxes	\$368,828.93									
Revenue Received-Not Yet Due	\$0.00									
Conveyance/Rollback Tax										
Tax Liens	\$156,829.32		\$26,017.74							
Tax Liens-Districts	\$17,800.53				\$1,348.53					
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$151,805.73									
Boat Excise	\$4,055.50									
User Fees					\$2,959.98					
Reserve for Uncollected Receivables-Overlay	\$0.00									
Appropriated Title V Betterments-Added to Taxes										
Appropriated Interest Added to Taxes										
Appropriated Title V Betterments-Not Yet Due			\$20,922.00							
Reserve for Uncollected Committed Interest			(\$552.00)							
Reserve for Uncollected Title V Betterments			(\$20,370.00)							
Due from Other Governments	\$24,880.81	\$171,387.88								
Debt. Receivables	\$489.50									
Tax Forfeitures	\$159,511.87									
Land						\$86,245.00				\$3,328,424.00
Land Improvements										\$118,567.00
Accumulated Depreciation-Land Improvements										(\$95,928.83)
Buildings										\$1,084,192.00
Building Improvements										(\$881,848.68)
Accumulated Depreciation-Building Improvements										\$12,019.83
Infrastructure										
Accumulated Depreciation-Infrastructure						\$2,506,350.00				\$551,812.01
Machinery & Equipment						(\$986,045.00)				(\$49,528.98)
Accumulated Depreciation-Machinery & Equipment										\$512,885.11
Vehicles						\$25,750.00				(\$297,473.14)
Accumulated Depreciation-Vehicles						(\$25,750.00)				\$1,831,215.00
Construction in Progress										(\$1,285,016.25)
Amounts to be Provided for Payment of Bonds/Leases									\$877,858.92	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,102,183.04	(\$134.36)	\$1,840,194.18	\$200,000.00	\$645,825.74	\$1,588,550.00	\$897,742.73	\$873,387.92	\$877,858.92	\$4,847,320.98
LIABILITIES										
Warrants Payable										
Payroll Amounts Withheld	\$188,071.85		\$7,953.74		\$33,562.89			\$12,100.72		
Due to Other Governments	\$0.00							\$17,305.99		
Short Term BANS Payable								\$13,020.85		
Other Liabilities										
Unclelmed Item								\$824,528.45		
Revenue Deferred Until Collected								\$6,414.11		
Property Taxes	\$328,828.93									
Other	\$357,881.39	\$171,387.88	\$26,017.74		\$4,306.51				\$877,858.92	
Notes, Bonds & Leases Payable										
Other Financing Sources										
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$854,380.27	\$171,387.88	\$33,971.48	\$0.00	\$37,869.40		\$0.00	\$873,387.92	\$877,858.92	\$0.00
FUND EQUITY										
Investment in Fixed Assets						\$1,588,550.00				\$4,847,320.98
Retained Earnings:										
Other Purpose										
Unreserved										
Reserved Fund Balance:										
Encumbrances										
Prior Year Encumbrances										
Expenditures										
Special Purpose										
Trust Funds							\$24,766.30			
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation										
Designated-Trust Fund			\$1,284,015.38				\$872,976.43			
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated										
Federal Grants										
State Grants			\$331.68							
County Grants			\$26,040.70							
Revolving Funds			\$81.33							
Designated			\$150,119.86							
Over/Under Assessments			\$345,833.77							
Appropriation Deficit										
Unprovided Abatements & Exemptions										
Tax Receivable Variances	(\$17,519.85)									
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated	(\$112,542.86)									
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$0.00									
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$272,220.02	(\$171,522.02)		\$200,000.00						
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	\$247,802.77	(\$171,522.02)	\$1,806,222.70	\$200,000.00	\$607,856.34	\$1,588,550.00	\$897,742.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,847,320.98
		(\$134.36)	\$1,840,194.18	\$200,000.00	\$645,825.74	\$1,588,550.00	\$897,742.73	\$873,387.92	\$877,858.92	\$4,847,320.98

GENERAL FUND - CASH RECEIPTS - FY 2007					
Local Taxes:					
Personal Property Taxes			\$389,828.98		
Real Estate Taxes			\$9,303,505.18		
Tax Liens Redeemed			\$29,161.47		
Taxes in Litigation			\$0.00		
Tax Foreclosures			\$0.00		
Tax Foreclosures Sold			\$0.00	\$9,722,495.63	
Local Receipts:					
Motor Vehicle Excise			\$734,473.53		
Vessel Excise			\$1,817.00		
Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excises			\$47,806.80		
Payments in Lieu of Taxes			\$3,210.21		
Fees			\$42,790.32		
Fees from Landfill/Rubbish Services			\$163,532.48		
Other Departmental Revenue			\$38,191.33		
Licenses & Permits			\$160,543.00		
Fines & Forfeits			\$170.00		
Court Fines			\$1,702.99		
Sales of Inventory			\$0.00		
Earnings on Investments			\$56,993.50		
Miscellaneous Revenue			\$30,220.57		
				\$1,281,451.73	
State Receipts:					
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:					
Loss of Taxes, Abatements: Vets., Elderly, Surv. Spouse			\$37,657.00		
Veterans Benefits			\$26,249.00		
Highway			\$0.00		
Lottery, Beano, Charity Games			\$851,735.00	\$915,641.00	
Other Financing Sources:					
Transfers from Special Revenue Funds			\$360,121.97		
Transfers from Capital Projects			\$0.00		
Transfers from Sewer Enterprise			\$8,000.00		
Transfers from Stabilization			\$0.00	\$368,121.97	
Revenue Anticipation Notes Payable			\$0.00		
Tax Titles Due Districts			\$4,282.01		
Due to School District			\$0.00	\$4,282.01	
Total Cash Receipts					\$12,291,992.34
Cash Balance 7/1/06					\$304,988.07
					\$12,596,980.41

GENERAL FUND - CASH DISBURSEMENTS - FY 2007					
Fiscal Year 2007 Appropriations					
General Government				\$627,658.20	
Protection of Persons & Property				\$1,672,565.31	
Education				\$7,544,106.80	
Highways				\$489,533.94	
Sanitation				\$432,374.82	
Other Environmental				\$5,900.00	
Human Services				\$165,201.54	
Culture & Recreation				\$177,280.12	
Debt Service				\$127,504.00	
Employee Benefits				\$742,037.92	
Court Judgments				\$0.00	
Liability Insurance				\$139,461.90	
Total FY 2007 Budget Appropriations					\$12,123,624.55
Fiscal Year 2007 Special Articles					
FY2007 Audit				\$0.00	
Wage & Job Classification Survey				\$5,700.00	
Police Cruiser				\$29,608.00	
Rescue/Pumper				\$41,023.49	
Fire-Generator				\$24,968.12	
Fire SUV				\$41,000.00	
AmbuPro -Resue #1				\$22,000.00	
Ambulance				\$27,950.00	
FY2007 Prior Year Bills				\$1,127.27	
Total FY 2007 Special Articles					\$193,376.88
Prior Year Appropriations/Encumbrances					
FY06 Audit				\$23,000.00	
FY07 Revaluation				\$2,000.00	
Conservation-Other Supplies				\$1,300.00	
Building Repairs & Maintenance-Town				\$225.00	
Public Buildngs Repairs & Maintenance				\$15,684.58	
Benefits -Uniform Allowance				\$321.93	
STM Medical Expenses				\$25,782.28	
Training/Medical Equipment				\$4,773.58	
Retirement & Pension Contributions FY06				\$2,575.45	
Total Prior Year Appropriations					\$75,662.82
Other Financing Uses					
County Assessments				\$69,155.70	
State Assessments				\$41,073.00	
Special Education Assessments				\$0.00	
Total Other Financing Uses					\$110,228.70
Revenue Anticipation Notes Payable					
Due to School District				\$0.00	
Tax Titles Due Districts				\$4,282.01	
Transfers to Capital Projects				\$0.00	
Transfers to Stabilization				\$0.00	
Transfers to Special Revenue Funds				\$41,989.55	
Total Other					\$46,271.56
Total Cash Disbursements					\$12,549,164.51
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/07					(\$168,071.95)
					\$12,381,092.56
Cash Balance 6/30/07					\$215,887.85
					\$12,596,980.41

GENERAL FUND						
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007						
	Appropriations	Reserve Fund Transfers	Year End Transfers	Expended FY07	Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance	***Balance carried forward 6/30/07
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Town Meetings	\$323.00		\$195.00	\$517.43	\$0.57	
Moderator	\$441.21			\$441.20	\$0.01	
Board of Selectmen	\$91,260.38		\$2,585.00	\$93,341.09	\$504.29	
Finance Committee	\$3,939.81			\$1,923.14	\$2,016.67	
Reserve Fund	\$27,088.00	(\$22,229.25)		\$0.00	\$4,858.75	
Town Accountant	\$62,945.36		\$9,600.00	\$71,230.92	\$1,314.44	
Board of Assessors	\$104,887.21	\$3,500.00		\$107,108.92	\$1,278.29	
Town Treasurer	\$51,841.58		\$529.00	\$52,365.14	\$5.44	
Town Collector	\$54,678.00	\$4,100.00	\$3,395.00	\$62,092.67	\$80.33	
Town Counsel	\$35,000.00			\$28,743.85	\$6,256.15	
Data Processing	\$21,160.00	\$4,488.00		\$25,640.00	\$8.00	
Tax Title Foreclosure	\$12,000.00			\$10,061.90	\$1,938.10	
Town Clerk	\$46,847.50		\$2,175.00	\$48,811.52	\$210.98	
Elections	\$11,043.00		\$543.00	\$11,585.51	\$0.49	
Registration	\$2,885.00		(\$543.00)	\$2,000.02	\$341.98	
Conservation Commission	\$5,300.00			\$376.29	\$4,923.71	
Planning Board	\$34,237.94			\$29,030.28	\$4,995.06	\$212.60
Board of Appeals	\$7,694.95			\$6,276.05	\$1,418.90	
Public Buildings	\$49,600.00			\$46,351.94	\$3,248.06	
Building Insurance	\$23,159.00		\$2,820.00	\$25,975.00	\$4.00	
Town Reports	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,785.33	\$714.67	
	\$650,831.94	(\$10,141.25)	\$21,299.00	\$627,658.20	\$34,118.89	\$212.60
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police	\$773,728.28		(\$11,775.00)	\$756,524.49	\$5,428.79	
Communication	\$192,036.41			\$178,857.80	\$13,178.61	
Fire	\$587,062.07	\$10,141.25		\$557,320.40	\$39,882.92	
Ambulance Services	\$139,388.46			\$97,448.91	\$41,939.55	*
Building Inspector	\$47,990.68			\$47,607.38	\$123.30	\$260.00
Gas Inspector	\$1,400.00		\$175.00	\$1,575.00	\$0.00	
Plumbing Inspector	\$6,000.00		(\$812.00)	\$3,645.00	\$1,543.00	
Weights & Measures	\$1,777.85			\$940.84	\$837.01	
Electrical Inspector	\$6,000.00		\$380.00	\$6,380.00	\$0.00	
Civil Defense	\$1,490.00			\$769.56	\$720.44	
Dog Officer	\$22,010.00			\$19,879.65	\$2,130.35	
Forestry	\$360.73			\$360.72	\$0.01	
Harbormaster	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$56.00	\$1,255.56	\$0.44	
	\$1,780,444.48	\$10,141.25	(\$11,976.00)	\$1,672,565.31	\$105,784.42	\$260.00
EDUCATION						
D-R Regional School Dist.	\$7,523,808.00			\$7,523,808.00	\$0.00	
B.C.A. School	\$22,328.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,298.80	\$2,029.88	
	\$7,546,136.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,544,106.80	\$2,029.88	\$0.00
HIGHWAYS						
Highway	\$462,551.00			\$435,797.03	\$26,753.97	
Snow & Ice Removal	\$35,000.00			\$52,519.85	(\$17,519.85)	**
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	\$1,211.30	\$0.00	\$6.00	\$1,217.06	\$0.24	
	\$498,762.30	\$0.00	\$6.00	\$489,533.94	\$9,234.36	\$0.00
SANITATION						
Waste Collection & Disposal	\$444,402.90		(\$11,015.00)	\$432,374.82	\$1,013.08	
	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	
	\$444,402.90	\$0.00	(\$11,015.00)	\$432,374.82	\$1,013.08	\$0.00
OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL						
Cemetery	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,900.00	\$100.00	
	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,900.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
HUMAN SERVICES						
Health - Regulation & Inspection	\$50,875.00			\$37,010.37	\$13,864.63	

Health - Administration	\$8,500.00			\$2,832.06	\$5,403.94	\$264.00
Mosquito Control	\$400.00			\$0.00	\$400.00	
Council on Aging	\$64,611.96		\$5,610.00	\$70,201.91	\$20.05	
Veterans Services	\$73,167.61	\$0.00	(\$145.00)	\$55,157.20	\$17,865.41	
	\$197,554.57	\$0.00	\$5,465.00	\$165,201.54	\$37,554.03	\$264.00
CULTURE & RECREATION						
Library	\$159,295.40			\$154,057.86	\$5,237.54	
Recreation	\$22,800.00		\$145.00	\$22,941.45	\$3.55	
Historical Commission	\$500.00			\$158.84	\$341.16	
Cable Committee	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$121.97	\$178.03	
	\$182,895.40	\$0.00	\$145.00	\$177,280.12	\$5,760.28	\$0.00
DEBT SERVICE						
Retirement of Debt						
Sewer Note # 1	\$9,000.00			\$9,000.00	\$0.00	
Sewer Note # 2	\$11,400.00			\$11,400.00	\$0.00	
Sewer Note # 3	\$21,500.00			\$21,500.00	\$0.00	
Landfill Closure Note	\$55,000.00			\$55,000.00	\$0.00	
WPAT Note	\$7,114.00			\$7,114.00	\$0.00	
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$23,489.50		\$0.50	\$23,490.00	\$0.00	
Interest on Short Term Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	\$127,503.50	\$0.00	\$0.50	\$127,504.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS						
Retirement & Pension Cont.	\$450,477.00			\$445,298.77	\$5,004.89	\$173.34
Workman's Compensation	\$15,000.00			\$14,539.00	\$461.00	
Group Health Insurance	\$332,150.92		(\$8,489.50)	\$248,975.40	\$74,686.02	
Group Life Insurance	\$750.00			\$573.24	\$176.76	
Medicare Contributions	\$28,500.00		\$4,565.00	\$32,572.51	\$492.49	
Tuition	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79.00	\$3,921.00	
	\$830,877.92	\$0.00	(\$3,924.50)	\$742,037.92	\$84,742.16	\$173.34
COURT JUDGMENTS						
Court Judgments	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
LIABILITY INSURANCE						
Liability Insurance	\$140,141.00			\$139,461.90	\$679.10	
	\$140,141.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$139,461.90	\$679.10	\$0.00
Total FY 2007 Budget Appropriations						
	\$12,405,550.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,123,624.55	\$281,016.20	\$909.94
Fiscal Year 2007 Special Articles						
FY2007 Audit	\$23,000.00			\$0.00		\$23,000.00
Wage & Job Classification Survey	\$7,000.00			\$5,700.00		\$1,300.00
Police Cruiser	\$32,000.00			\$29,608.00		\$2,392.00
Rescue/Pumper	\$41,023.49			\$41,023.49		
Generator	\$25,000.00			\$24,968.12	\$31.88	
Fire SUV	\$41,000.00			\$41,000.00		
AmbuPro Rescue #1	\$22,000.00			\$22,000.00		
Ambulance	\$28,000.00			\$27,950.00	\$50.00	*
FY2007 Prior Year Bills	\$1,127.27			\$1,127.27	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total FY 2007 Special Articles	\$220,150.76			\$193,376.88	\$81.88	\$26,692.00
Total FY 2007 Appropriations						
	\$12,625,701.45	\$0.00		\$12,317,001.43	\$281,098.08	\$27,601.94
\$256,628.38 Closed to Unreserved Fund Balance						
\$41,989.55 * Closed to Special Revenue Funds-Amb						
(\$17,519.85) ** To be Raised on FY2008 Recap Sheet						
\$27,601.94 *** Encumbered for FY2008 use						
\$308,700.02						

GENERAL FUND						
STATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07						
			Balance 07/01/06	Expended FY 07	Returned to Specified Fund	***Balance carried forward 6/30/07
FY06 Audit			\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00		
FY07 Revaluation			\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
Conservation-Other Supplies			\$1,358.15	\$1,300.00		\$58.15
Building Repairs & Maint.-Town Office			\$225.00	\$225.00		
Public Building Repairs & Maintenance			\$20,720.15	\$15,684.58		\$5,035.57
Benefits-Uniform Allowance			\$321.93	\$321.93		
STM Medical Expenses			\$98,555.00	\$25,782.28		\$72,772.72
Training/Medical Equipment			\$4,773.86	\$4,773.58	\$0.28	
Retirement & Pension Contributions:						
Fiscal Year 2006			\$2,752.33	\$2,575.45	\$0.00	\$176.88
Totals			\$153,706.42	\$75,662.82	\$0.28	\$78,043.32
\$0.28	Closed to Unreserved Fund Balance					
\$0.00	* Closed to Special Revenue Funds					
\$78,043.32	*** Encumbered for FY2008 use					
\$78,043.60						

		TOWN OF DIGHTON			
		FISCAL YEAR 2007			
		BUDGET ENTRIES			
		REVENUES			
			Budget	Actual	Difference
	LOCAL TAXES:				
	Personal Property Taxes (Net of Refunds)		\$367,637.55	\$389,828.98	\$22,191.43
	Real Estate Taxes (Net of Refunds)*		\$9,610,432.09	\$9,303,505.18	(\$306,926.91)
	Overlay		(\$68,733.01)	\$0.00	\$68,733.01
	Tax Liens Redeemed		\$0.00	\$29,161.47	\$29,161.47
	Tax Foreclosures		\$0.00	\$17,027.70	\$17,027.70
	Total Local Taxes		\$9,909,336.63	\$9,739,523.33	(\$169,813.30)
	LOCAL RECEIPTS:				
	Motor Vehicle Excise (Net of Refunds)		\$807,000.00	\$734,473.53	(\$72,526.47)
	Vessel Excise (Net of Refunds)		\$1,800.00	\$1,817.00	\$17.00
	Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excises		\$33,200.00	\$47,806.80	\$14,606.80
	Payments in Lieu of Taxes		\$2,800.00	\$3,210.21	\$410.21
	Fees		\$37,400.00	\$42,790.32	\$5,390.32
	Landfill Fees		\$143,600.00	\$163,532.48	\$19,932.48
	Other Departmental Revenue		\$42,700.00	\$38,191.33	(\$4,508.67)
	Licenses & Permits		\$150,700.00	\$160,543.00	\$9,843.00
	Fines & Forfeits		\$2,000.00	\$1,872.99	(\$127.01)
	Sales of Inventory		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Earnings on Investments		\$53,400.00	\$56,993.50	\$3,593.50
	Miscellaneous Revenue		\$17,500.00	\$30,220.57	\$12,720.57
	Total Local Receipts		\$1,292,100.00	\$1,281,451.73	(\$10,648.27)
	STATE RECEIPTS:				
	Loss of Taxes, Abatements: Veterans, Blind & Surviving Spouses, Chapter 59		\$11,760.00	\$19,585.00	\$7,825.00
	Loss of Taxes, Elderly, Chapter 73		\$18,574.00	\$18,072.00	(\$502.00)
	Veterans Benefits, Chapter 115		\$33,269.00	\$26,249.00	(\$7,020.00)
	Highway Fund, Chapter 81		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Lottery, Beano, Charity Games, Chapter 29		\$851,735.00	\$851,735.00	\$0.00
	Total State Receipts		\$915,338.00	\$915,641.00	\$303.00
	TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS:				
	Special Revenue Funds:				
	School Insurance		\$111,596.02	\$111,596.02	\$0.00
	Ambulance		\$241,411.95	\$241,411.95	\$0.00
	Title V		\$7,114.00	\$7,114.00	\$0.00
	Sewer Enterprise		\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
	Stabilization		\$100,000.00	\$0.00	(\$100,000.00)
	Total Transfers From Other Fund		\$468,121.97	\$368,121.97	(\$100,000.00)
	OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS:				
	Free Cash		\$185,652.92	N/A	(\$185,652.92)
	Total Other Available Funds		\$185,652.92	N/A	(\$185,652.92)
	TOTAL ALL REVENUES		\$12,770,549.52	\$12,304,738.03	(\$465,811.49)
	*Includes 60 day accruals				

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			FY2007	
RECEIPTS		ACCOUNT #		
FEDERAL GRANTS:			\$0.00	
				\$0.00
STATE GRANTS:				
FY07 Council on Aging Formula Grant	3100-07		\$6,508.00	
FY07 MDPH Ambulance Task Force Grant	3105-07		\$1,000.00	
FY07 Fire Equipment Grant	3112-07		\$5,300.00	
FY07 Library MEG/LIG	3120-07		\$8,858.04	
FY07 Arts Lottery	3130-07		\$4,000.00	
FY07 Community Policing Grant	3150-07		\$33,440.00	
FY06 Elections Grant	3170-06		\$484.00	\$59,590.04
COUNTY GRANTS				
			\$0.00	\$0.00
RECEIPTS RESERVED:				
Conservation/Wetlands Fees	3000-40		\$6,145.00	
Conservation Rollback Taxes	4100-40		\$73,927.21	
Ambulance Fees	3020-40		\$219,421.98	
School Insurance Interest	3030-40		\$23,267.86	
Affordable Housing Fund	3060-40		\$74,646.24	
Affordable Housing-Board of Appeals	3065-40		\$15,301.41	
Title V Betterment Payments	3090-40		\$828.00	\$413,537.70
REVOLVING FUNDS:				
Planning Board-Fees	3250-40		\$8,582.50	
Council On Aging-Prime Time	3270-40		\$73,921.00	
Library-Fines	3280-40		\$3,098.32	
Library-Copies	3290-40		\$422.90	
Recreation-C44S53D	4110-40		\$1,925.00	\$87,949.72
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE:				
Gifts & Donations				
Dighton Power Charitable Fund-Gifts	3310-40		\$75,097.94	
Dighton Power Charitable Fund Earnings on Investments	3310-40		\$47.06	
Dighton Power TC Desk Gift	3301-40		\$841.00	
Dighton Power Police-Repeater	3305-40		\$12,102.00	
Breathalyzer Gift	3331-40		\$399.00	
Dighton Power 2007 Police Cruiser	3710-07		\$7,918.58	
Dispatch Computer Gift	3335-07		\$13,000.00	
Dighton Power Fire Extrication Tools Gift	3315-40		\$23,351.50	
Dighton Power Fire Light Tower Gift	3325-40		\$7,750.00	
Dighton Power Prime Time Building Gift	3560-40		\$4,000.00	
Fire Department-Gifts	3340-40		\$2,710.00	
Council on Aging-Gifts	3350-40		\$4,111.25	
Prime Time-Romero Gifts	3380-40		\$17,000.00	
Library-Gifts	3390-40		\$677.00	
Library Arts-Gifts	3410-40		\$1,000.00	
Historical Seg. School Building Gift	3420-40		\$296.00	
Cable-Gifts	3430-40		\$7,210.00	
Prime Time Gifts & Donations	3500-40		\$10,250.75	\$187,762.08
Other				
Police Cruisers Insurance Reimbursement	3845-07		\$400.00	\$400.00
53G ACCOUNTS-OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS				
Sewer Enterprise-Stonegate Landing 53G	3965-40		\$4,833.24	
Conservation-Ronald Medeiros 53G	4075-40		\$58.68	
Conservation-Sample Meadows 53G	4085-40		\$1,075.84	
Conservation-Mr. Joseph Pavao 53G	4095-40		(\$5.92)	
Planning Board-Bushwood 53G	3210-40		\$651.72	
Planning Board-Richmond Hill 53G	3450-40		\$73.97	
Planning Board-Segregansett Estates 53G	3480-40		\$144.69	
Planning Board-Hunter's Hill 53G	3520-40		\$5,123.04	
Planning Board-Shan Lee Estates 53G	3610-40		\$2,074.59	
Planning Board-Wellington Acres 53G	3611-40		\$5,001.41	
Planning Board-Meadow Acres 53G	3640-40		\$66.35	
Planning Board-Amarals' Estates 53G	3720-40		\$4,125.23	
Planning Board-Ledgewood Estates 53G	3810-40		\$66.04	

Planning Board-Hillcrest Estates 53G	3830-40	\$3,194.62	
Planning Board-Whispering Pines 53G	3875-40	(\$14,508.04)	
Planning Board-Northwoods Estates 53G	3878-40	\$3,101.03	
Planning Board-Lilia Lane 53G	3879-40	\$79.39	
Planning Board-Aquaria 53G	3882-40	\$3,085.36	
Planning Board-Emma's Way 53G	3883-40	\$48.89	
Planning Board-Elm Street Estates 53G	3955-40	\$16.01	
Planning Board-Sample Meadows 53G	3966-40	\$136.27	
Planning Board-Andrews Farm II 53G	3970-40	\$68.41	
Planning Board-Park View Estates 53G	4005-40	\$85.30	
Planning Board-Council Oak Estates 53G	4010-40	\$63.55	
Planning Board-Hawthorne Development 53G	4015-40	\$45.84	
Planning Board-Center Street Woods 53G	4020-40	\$92.76	
Planning Board-Old Williams Estates 53G	4025-40	\$4,114.83	
Planning Board-Cedar Estates 53G	4070-40	\$3,073.83	
Planning Board-Council Oak 2 53G	4080-40	\$94.72	
Planning Board-Williams Street Estates 53G	4090-40	\$3,059.10	
Board of Appeals-Arborcrest 53G	3620-40	\$8.55	
Board of Appeals-Stonegate Landing 53G	3630-40	\$5,799.89	
Board of Appeals-Nanci Prairie 53G	3881-40	\$537.14	
Board of Appeals-Dighton Woods 53G	3920-40	\$10,200.56	
Board of Appeals-The Pines 53G	4130-40	\$9,171.37	\$54,858.26
	Total Other Special Revenues		\$243,020.34
TRANSFERS:			
Transfer from General Fund-Unused Ambulance Funds	3020-40	\$41,989.55	
			\$41,989.55
Total Cash Receipts			\$846,087.35
Cash Balance 7/1/06			\$1,732,284.54
			\$2,578,371.89
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
DISBURSEMENTS	ACCOUNT #		
FEDERAL GRANTS:			
Fire Injury Prevention Grant	3980-04	\$199.98	\$199.98
STATE GRANTS:			
Title V Loans Out	3090-40	\$18,300.00	
Title V Grant	3090-97	\$115.31	
FY06 Council on Aging Formula Grant	3100-06	\$1,122.05	
FY07 Council on Aging Formula Grant	3100-07	\$6,508.00	
FY06 MDPH Ambulance Task Force	3105-06	\$345.00	
FY07 MDPH Ambulance Task Force	3105-07	\$940.00	
FY05 Fire Safety Grant	3110-05	\$108.03	
FY06 Fire Safety Grant	3110-06	\$2,129.76	
FY03 Library MEG/LIG	3120-03	\$20.36	
FY04 Library MEG/LIG	3120-04	\$186.77	
FY02 Arts Lottery Grant	3130-02	\$0.19	
FY07 Arts Lottery Grant	3130-07	\$3,449.81	
FY06 Community Policing Grant	3150-06	\$3,771.50	
FY07 Community Policing Grant	3150-07	\$33,440.00	
FY05 Elections Grant	3170-05	\$140.70	
FY06 Elections Grant	3170-06	\$270.60	
Police Bullet Proof Vest	3590-02	\$725.00	\$71,573.08
COUNTY GRANTS			
Bristol County Homeland Security Grant	3990-04	\$8,406.98	\$8,406.98
RECEIPTS RESERVED:			
Conservation/Wetlands Fees	3000-40	\$0.00	\$0.00
REVOLVING FUNDS:			
Planning Board-Fees	3250-40	\$2,836.54	
Council on Aging-Prime Time	3270-40	\$71,333.33	
Library-Fines	3280-40	\$717.50	
Library-Copies	3290-40	\$503.97	
Recreation-C44S53D	4110-40	\$2,329.50	\$77,720.84
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE:			
Gifts & Donations			
Dighton Power Charitable Fund	3310-40	\$64,963.08	

Dighton Power TC Computer Equipment	3196-40	\$1,083.82	
Dighton Power TC Desk Gift	3301-40	\$841.00	
Dighton Power Police -Repeater	3305-40	\$12,102.00	
Dighton Power Fire Extrication Tools Gift	3315-40	\$23,351.50	
Dighton Power Fire Light Tower Gift	3325-40	\$7,750.00	
Dighton Power Assessors Office Furniture	3660-40	\$18.04	
Dighton Power Police Cruiser Gifts-FY03	3710-03	\$42.05	
Dighton Power Police Unmarked Vehicle-Gifts-FY05	3710-05	\$191.26	
Dighton Power Prime Time Building Gifts	3560-40	\$3,783.44	
Police-DARE-Gifts	3330-40	\$1,094.54	
Breathalyzer Gift	3331-40	\$399.00	
Dispatch Computer Gift	3335-07	\$13,000.00	
Fire-Gifts	3340-40	\$2,233.55	
Council on Aging-Gifts	3350-40	\$670.72	
Council on Aging-Romero-Gifts	3370-40	\$1,446.70	
Council on Aging Prime Time Romero-Gifts	3380-40	\$6,779.89	
Library-Arts Lottery-Gifts	3410-40	\$345.00	
Prime Time Gifts & Donations	3500-40	\$9,952.77	
Cable-Gifts	3430-40	\$1,130.56	\$151,178.92
Other			
53G ACCOUNTS-OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS			
Sewer Enterprise-Stonegate Landing 53G	3965-40	\$27,271.52	
Conservation-Ronald Medeiros 53G	4075-40	\$200.00	
Conservation-Sample Meadows 53G	4085-40	\$1,578.20	
Conservation-Mr. Joseph Pavao 53G	4095-40	\$0.00	
Planning Board-Bushwood 53G	3210-40	\$4,968.04	
Planning Board-Richmond Hill 53G	3450-40	\$2,255.08	
Planning Board-Segregansett Estates 53G	3480-40	\$440.00	
Planning Board-Hunter's Hill 53G	3520-40	\$2,581.25	
Planning Board-Shan Lee Estates 53G	3610-40	\$1,442.24	
Planning Board-Amarals' Estates 53G	3720-40	\$763.57	
Planning Board-Ledgewood Estates 53G	3810-40	\$2,026.50	
Planning Board-Hillcrest Estates 53G	3830-40	\$2,947.20	
Planning Board-Whispering Pines 53G	3875-40	\$391.43	
Planning Board-Northwoods Estates 53G	3878-40	\$3,814.56	
Planning Board-Lilia Lane 53G	3879-40	\$1,280.25	
Planning Board-Aquaria 53G	3882-40	\$4,703.78	
Planning Board-Emma's Way 53G	3883-40	\$2,548.93	
Planning Board-Elm Street Estates 53G	3955-40	\$337.50	
Planning Board-Sample Meadows 53G	3966-40	\$3,386.86	
Planning Board-Park View Estates 53G	4005-40	\$542.99	
Planning Board-Council Oak Estates 53G	4010-40	\$1,166.09	
Planning Board-Hawthorne Development 53G	4015-40	\$486.06	
Planning Board-Center Street Woods 53G	4020-40	\$275.00	
Planning Board-Old Williams Estates 53G	4025-40	\$1,608.29	
Planning Board-Cedar Estates 53G	4070-40	\$5,340.32	
Planning Board-Council Oak 2 53G	4080-40	\$138.00	
Planning Board-Williams Street Estates 53G	4090-40	\$338.50	
Board of Appeals-Arborcrest 53G	3620-40	\$162.00	
Board of Appeals-Stonegate Landing 53G	3630-40	\$6,659.80	
Board of Appeals-Nanci Praine 53G	3881-40	\$1,448.50	
Board of Appeals-Dighton Woods 53G	3920-40	\$10,774.96	
Board of Appeals-The Pines 53G	4130-40	\$11,145.00	\$103,022.42
	Total Other Special Revenue		\$254,201.34
TRANSFERS:			
Transfer to General Fund-Ambulance Fees	3020-40	\$241,411.95	
Transfer to General Fund-School Insurance Funds	3030-40	\$111,596.02	
Transfer to General Fund-Title V Funds	3090-40	\$7,114.00	\$360,121.97
Total Cash Disbursements			\$772,224.19
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/07			(\$7,953.74)
			\$764,270.45
Cash Balance 6/30/07			\$1,814,101.44
			\$2,578,371.89

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE									
GIFTS & DONATIONS:									
3310-40	OUGHTON POWER	\$14,550.68							
3301-40	D. POWER TC DESK GIFT	\$0.00							
3305-40	D. POWER POLICE REPEATER	\$0.00							
3315-40	D. POWER FIRE EXTRICATION TOOLS GIFT	\$0.00							
3325-40	D. POWER FIRE LIGHT TOWER GIFT	\$0.00							
3350-40	D. POWER PRIME TIME BUILDING	\$3,783.44							
3360-40	D. POWER ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FURNITURE	\$3,000.00							
3360-40	D. POWER TOWN SOFTWARE	\$18.04							
3195-40	D. POWER TOWN CLERK-COMPUTER EQUIP	\$3,000.00							
3185-40	D. POWER HIGHWAY 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK	\$1,083.82							
3710-07	O. POWER POLICE CRUISER	\$0.00							
3710-03	D. POWER POLICE CRUISER	\$191.28							
3320-40	TREE PLANTING	\$42.05							
3330-40	DARE	\$500.00							
3331-40	BREATHALIZER GIFT	\$1,321.56							
3335-07	DISPATCH COMPUTER GIFT	\$0.00							
3340-40	FIRE	\$5,648.13							
3350-40	COUNCIL ON AGING	\$15,020.70							
3370-40	COUNCIL ON AGING-ROMERO	\$39,565.21							
3500-40	PRIME TIME	\$3,848.79							
3380-40	PRIME TIME-ROMERO	\$25,008.78							
3410-40	LIBRARY ARTS	\$80.00							
3390-40	LIBRARY	\$8,144.21							
3420-40	HISTORICAL-SEGREGANSETT SCHOOL	\$688.90							
3430-40	CABLE	\$41,345.19							
3220-40	CONSERVATION-BRIARWOOD	\$1,000.00							
	TOTAL GIFTS & DONATIONS	\$166,518.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS									
OTHER:									
3840-03	FIRE TRUCK/BLDG. INS. PROCEEDS	\$4,350.65							
3845-07	POLICE CRUISERS INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	\$0.00							
	TOTAL OTHER	\$4,350.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
G-44 S. 536 ACCOUNTS-OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS									
4075-40	RONALD MEDeiros 53G	\$1,217.00							
4085-40	SAMPLE MEADOWS 53G	\$502.36							
4095-40	MR. JOSEPH PAVAO 53G	\$5.92							
3210-40	BUSHWOOD 53G	\$18,236.49							
3450-40	RICHMOND HILL 53G	\$2,717.08							
3480-40	SEGREGANSETT ESTATES 53G	\$2,783.37							
3520-40	HUNTER'S HILL 53G	\$2,576.41							
3810-40	SHAN-LEE ESTATES 53G	\$108.61							
3811-40	WELLINGTON ACRES 53G	\$0.00							
3840-40	MEADOW ACRES 53G	\$1,281.08							
3720-40	AMARAL'S ESTATES 53G	\$2,475.69							
3610-40	LEDGEWOOD ESTATES 53G	\$2,548.93							
3630-40	HILLCREST ESTATES 53G	\$4,137.50							
3875-40	WHISPERING PINES 53G	\$14,898.47							
3878-40	NORTHWOODS ESTATES 53G	\$1,860.42							
3879-40	LILA LANE 53G	\$2,089.91							
3882-40	AQUARIA 53G	\$1,644.88							
3883-40	EMMA'S WAY 53G	\$2,532.10							
3955-40	ELM STREET ESTATES 53G	\$548.03							
3960-40	SAMPLE MEADOWS 53G	\$4,181.48							
3970-40	ANDREW'S FARM II 53G	\$1,321.09							
4005-40	PARK VIEW ESTATEB 53G	\$2,000.79							
4010-40	COUNCIL OAK ESTATES 53G	\$1,103.51							
4015-40	HAWTHORNE DEVELOPMENT 53G	\$1,271.95							
4020-40	CENTER STREET WOODS 53G	\$1,831.82							
4025-40	OLD WILLIAMS ESTATES 53G	\$2,004.48							
4070-40	CEDAR ESTATES 53G	\$3,301.71							
4080-40	COUNCIL OAK 2 53G	\$1,938.88							
4080-40	WILLIAMS STREET ESTATES 53G	\$321.89							
3620-40	ARBORCREST ESTATES 53G	\$245.22							
3630-40	STONEGATE LANDING 53G	\$987.86							
3681-40	NANCY PRAIRIE 53G	\$1,037.72							
3820-40	OUGHTON WOODS 53G	\$757.08							
4130-40	THE PINES 53G	\$3,522.74							
3095-40	STONEGATE LANDING 53G	\$100,041.51							
	TOTAL 53G ACCOUNTS-OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS	\$185,845.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$190,296.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUES	\$346,814.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL ALL FUND 24 SPECIAL REVENUES	\$1,734,388.64	\$0.00	\$89,590.04	\$313,618.70	\$187,716.02	\$0.00	\$828.00	\$132,484.41
			\$48,086.09	\$41,869.85	\$8,48,087.38	\$17,187.34	\$227,028.70	\$16,300.00	\$772,284.19
									\$1,808,222.70

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS				FY 2007	
RECEIPTS					
User Fees				\$157,755.87	
Assessments				\$0.00	
Interest on Late Payments				\$333.69	
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes				\$17,728.40	
By-Law Books				\$0.00	
Permits				\$0.00	
Drainlayers Permits				\$600.00	
Connection Fees				\$5,100.00	
Application Fees				\$450.00	
Sale of Inventory				\$0.00	
Earnings on Investments				\$21,555.46	
Miscellaneous Revenues				\$123.08	
TOTAL FY 2007 REVENUES					\$203,646.50
FY08 Revenue Received Not Yet Due				\$8,442.78	
Total Cash Receipts					\$212,089.28
Cash Balance 7/1/06					\$587,357.41
					\$799,446.69
DISBURSEMENTS					
Salary & Wages				\$65,676.13	
Expenditures				\$76,171.61	
Capital Outlay				\$0.00	
Annual Capital Expense				\$33,274.83	
Indirect Costs (Transfer to General Fund)				\$8,000.00	
Total Cash Disbursements					\$183,122.57
Prior Year Expended in FY2007					\$0.00
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/07					(\$33,562.89)
					\$149,559.68
Cash Balance 6/30/07					\$649,887.01
					\$799,446.69

TRUST FUNDS					FY 2007	
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS						
RECEIPTS						
Donations:						
					\$0.00	
Total Cash Receipts						\$0.00
Cash Balance 7/1/06						\$20,661.25
						\$20,661.25
DISBURSEMENTS						
Cash Balance 6/30/07						\$20,661.25
		*****				\$20,661.25
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS						
RECEIPTS						
Earnings on Investments:						
Cemeteries Perpetual Care					\$951.07	
Charles Chase School Fund					\$144.77	
Library Founders Memorial Fund					\$129.54	
Law Enforcement					\$12.07	
Total Cash Receipts						\$1,237.45
Cash Balance 7/1/06						\$3,631.60
						\$4,869.05
DISBURSEMENTS						
Cemeteries-Maintenance & Care					\$714.00	
Charles Chase-Scholarships					\$50.00	
Total Cash Disbursements						\$764.00
Cash Balance 6/30/07						\$4,105.05
		*****				\$4,869.05
OTHER TRUST FUNDS						
RECEIPTS						
Earnings on Investments:						
Stabilization Fund					\$42,801.38	
Unemployment Fund					\$1,490.13	
Call Firefighters Dis. Fund					\$643.24	
Other Receipts:						
Transfers from General Fund					\$0.00	
Total Cash Receipts						\$44,934.75
Cash Balance 7/1/06						\$828,513.55
						\$873,448.30
DISBURSEMENTS						
Unemployment					\$471.87	
Call Firefighters Dis. Fund					\$0.00	
Transfers to General Fund-Stabilization					\$0.00	
Total Cash Disbursements						\$471.87
Cash Balance 6/30/07						\$872,976.43
						\$873,448.30

AGENCY FUNDS					FY 2007	
RECEIPTS						
Federal Withholding Tax					\$259,473.34	
Medicare Withholding Tax					\$33,758.19	
State Withholding Tax					\$125,999.74	
County Retirement Withholdings					\$177,089.46	
Group Insurance Deductions					\$178,685.45	
Dental Ins. Withholdings					\$12,312.92	
Concord Life Insurance Withholdings					\$5,937.00	
AFLAC Withholdings					\$1,332.00	
Union Dues-Highway					\$1,888.99	
Union Dues-Clerical					\$5,781.25	
Union Dues-Police					\$4,576.00	
Union Dues-Fire					\$2,160.00	
Miscellaneous Deductions					\$10,695.88	
Deferred Compensation Withholdings					\$39,522.02	
Obra Withholdings					\$25,555.70	
Comm. of Mass.-Fish & Game Licenses					\$2,732.00	
Comm. of Mass.-FID Licenses					\$13,425.00	
County of Bristol-Sale of Dogs					\$0.00	
County of Bristol-Dog Licenses					\$887.75	
Off Duty Work Detail-Police					\$192,744.60	
Off Duty Work Detail-Fire					\$11,799.14	
Off Duty Work Detail-Other					\$0.00	
Group Insurance Receipts					\$94,497.43	
Unclaimed Items					\$0.00	
Performance Bonds-Earnings on Investments					\$46,386.75	
Performance Bonds Received/Refunded					\$231,075.64	
Total Cash Receipts						\$1,478,316.25
Cash Balance 7/1/06						\$678,928.80
						\$2,157,245.05

AGENCY FUNDS						
DISBURSEMENTS						
Federal Withholding Tax					\$259,473.34	
Medicare Withholding Tax					\$33,758.19	
State Withholding Tax					\$125,999.74	
County Retirement Withholdings					\$176,825.90	
Group Insurance Deductions					\$176,481.79	
Dental Ins. Withholdings					\$12,166.95	
Concord Life Insurance Withholdings					\$5,547.08	
AFLAC Withholdings					\$1,332.00	
Union Dues-Highway					\$1,881.75	
Union Dues-Clerical					\$5,712.50	
Union Dues-Police					\$4,576.00	
Union Dues-Fire					\$2,160.00	
Miscellaneous Deductions					\$10,695.88	
Deferred Compensation Withholdings					\$39,522.02	
Obra Withholdings					\$25,555.70	
Comm. of Mass.-Fish & Game Licenses					\$2,732.00	
Comm. of Mass.-FID Licenses					\$2,112.50	
County of Bristol-Sale of Dogs					\$0.00	
County of Bristol-Dog Licenses					\$245.50	
Off Duty Work Detail-Police					\$203,157.00	
Off Duty Work Detail-Fire					\$11,799.14	
Group Insurance Receipts					\$94,242.87	
Unclaimed Items					\$0.00	
Performance Bonds					\$0.00	
Total Cash Disbursements						\$1,195,977.85
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/07						(\$12,100.72)
						\$1,183,877.13
Cash Balance 6/30/07						\$973,367.92
						\$2,157,245.05

FUND NUMBER		FUND BALANCE 7/1/2006	RECEIPTS IN	EARNINGS ON INVEST.	RECLASSIFY TO PROJECT	REFUNDS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	DISBURSE. OUT	ADJUST/ CORRECTIONS	TOTAL EXPENDED	FUND BALANCE 6/30/2007
	AGENCY FUNDS										
	PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS										
8000-40	FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	\$0.00	\$259,473.34				\$259,473.34	\$259,473.34		\$259,473.34	\$0.00
8010-40	MEDICARE WITHHOLDINGS	\$0.00	\$33,758.19				\$33,758.19	\$33,758.19		\$33,758.19	\$0.00
8020-40	STATE WITHHOLDINGS	\$0.00	\$125,999.74				\$125,999.74	\$125,999.74		\$125,999.74	\$0.00
8030-40	COUNTY RETIREMENT WITHHOLDINGS	\$3,090.03	\$177,089.46				\$177,089.46	\$176,825.90		\$176,825.90	\$3,353.59
8040-40	GROUP INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	\$10,571.91	\$178,685.45				\$178,685.45	\$176,481.79		\$176,481.79	\$12,775.57
8045-40	DENTAL INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	-\$66.84	\$12,312.92				\$12,312.92	\$12,166.95		\$12,166.95	\$79.13
8050-40	CONCORD LIFE INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	\$3.24	\$5,937.00				\$5,937.00	\$5,547.08		\$5,547.08	\$393.16
8060-40	AFLAC DISABILITY INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	\$33.14	\$1,332.00				\$1,332.00	\$1,332.00		\$1,332.00	\$33.14
8070-40	HIGHWAY UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$36.20	\$1,888.99				\$1,888.99	\$1,881.75		\$1,881.75	\$43.44
	CLERICAL UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$93.75	\$5,781.25				\$5,781.25	\$5,712.50		\$5,712.50	\$162.50
8080-40	POLICE UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$88.00	\$4,576.00				\$4,576.00	\$4,576.00		\$4,576.00	\$88.00
8090-40	FIRE UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$180.00	\$2,160.00				\$2,160.00	\$2,160.00		\$2,160.00	\$180.00
8120-40	MISCELLANEOUS WITHHOLDINGS	\$197.46	\$10,695.88				\$10,695.88	\$10,695.88		\$10,695.88	\$197.46
8130-40	DEFERRED COMPENSATION WITHHOLDINGS	\$0.00	\$39,522.02				\$39,522.02	\$39,522.02		\$39,522.02	\$0.00
8140-40	OBRA WITHHOLDINGS	\$0.00	\$25,555.70				\$25,555.70	\$25,555.70		\$25,555.70	\$0.00
		\$14,226.89	\$884,767.94	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$884,767.94	\$881,688.84	\$0.00	\$881,688.84	\$17,305.99
	DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS										
8400-40	FISH & GAME LICENCES	\$30.90	\$2,732.00				\$2,732.00	\$2,732.00		\$2,732.00	\$30.90
8410-40	POLICE FID CARDS	\$1,035.00	\$13,425.00				\$13,425.00	\$2,112.50		\$2,112.50	\$12,347.50
8500-40	DOG LICENCES	\$0.00	\$887.75				\$887.75	\$245.50		\$245.50	\$642.25
		\$1,065.90	\$17,044.75	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$17,044.75	\$5,090.00	\$0.00	\$5,090.00	\$13,020.65
	OTHER LIABILITIES										
8600-40	OFF DUTY WORK DETAIL-POLICE	\$177.50	\$192,744.60				\$192,744.60	\$203,157.00		\$203,157.00	-\$10,234.90
8610-40	OFF DUTY WORK DETAIL-FIRE	\$0.00	\$11,799.14				\$11,799.14	\$11,799.14		\$11,799.14	\$0.00
8630-40	OFF DUTY WORK DETAIL-OTHER	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8700-40	GROUP INSURANCE RECEIPTS PAYABLE	\$1,790.54	\$94,497.43				\$94,497.43	\$94,242.87		\$94,242.87	\$2,045.10
8710-40	SE MASS HEALTH INS 1% REIMBURSEMENT	\$219.06					\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$219.06
8790-40	PERFORMANCE BOND-SHAN LEE ESTATES	\$90,376.44	\$0.00	\$2,885.99		-\$37,375.00	-\$34,489.01			\$0.00	\$55,887.43
	MAINT. BOND-HUNTERS HILL HOMEOWNERS T	\$0.00	\$68,000.00	\$28.78			\$68,028.78			\$0.00	\$68,028.78
8890-40	PERFORMANCE BOND-COUNCIL OAK	\$150,140.70		\$2,908.66		-\$153,049.36	-\$150,140.70			\$0.00	\$0.00
8900-40	PERFORMANCE BOND-ANDREWS FARM	\$42,481.44	\$0.00	\$2,200.31			\$2,200.31			\$0.00	\$44,681.75
8910-40	PERFORMANCE BOND-HILL CREST ESTATES	\$184,076.05	\$0.00	\$7,053.72		-\$87,500.00	-\$80,446.28			\$0.00	\$103,629.77
	PERFORMANCE BOND-BIRCHWOOD ESTATES	\$0.00	\$441,000.00	\$21,386.36			\$462,386.36			\$0.00	\$462,386.36
8911-40	PERFORMANCE BOND-LEDGEWOOD ESTATES	\$157,349.33	\$0.00	\$8,337.45			\$8,337.45			\$0.00	\$165,686.78
8912-40	PERFORMANCE BOND-RICHMOND HILL	\$30,610.84	\$0.00	\$1,585.48			\$1,585.48			\$0.00	\$32,196.32
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$657,221.90	\$808,041.17	\$46,386.75	\$0.00	-\$277,924.36	\$576,503.56	\$309,199.01	\$0.00	\$309,199.01	\$924,526.45
8800-40	UNCLAIMED ITEMS	\$6,414.11	\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$6,414.11
	TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$678,928.80	\$1,709,853.86	\$46,386.75	\$0.00	-\$277,924.36	\$1,478,316.25	\$1,195,977.85	\$0.00	\$1,195,977.85	\$961,267.20

	TOWN OF DIGHTON					
	MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS ANALYSIS					
		06/30/07				
Date	Loan	Percent	Outstanding 6/30/2006	Paid Principal FY 2007	Borrowed FY 2007	Outstanding 6/30/2007
	INSIDE DEBT LIMIT					
	OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT					
Jan. 1984	Sewer Step # 3	5.0	\$27,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
Dec. 1984	Sewer Step # 3	5.0	\$45,600.00	\$11,400.00	\$0.00	\$34,200.00
Oct. 1986	Sewer Step # 3	5.0	\$129,000.00	\$21,500.00	\$0.00	\$107,500.00
Apr. 2001	Title V	0.0	\$99,436.00	\$7,114.00	\$0.00	\$92,322.00
July 2003	Landfill Closure	2.5% to 4.0%	\$428,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$373,000.00
Totals			\$729,036.00	\$104,014.00	\$0.00	\$625,022.00
LEASES PAYABLE						
July, 2004 5 Years	2004 Ambulance		\$77,795.00	\$24,960.08	\$0.00	\$52,834.92
Dec., 2001 5 Years	Fire Truck Lease		\$38,729.61	\$38,729.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals			\$116,524.61	\$63,689.69	\$0.00	\$52,834.92

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Dighton Council on Aging has been in existence since 1973 when it was authorized at the Annual Town Meeting. Our funds are appropriated through the Annual Town Meeting. Prime Time, our supportive day program for elders, is self-supporting and funded solely by special grants, trust awards, donations and privately paying individuals. Prime Time utilizes no town funds to operate. We are very proud of the genuine distinguished service we bring to our community with our Prime Time Program and we feel privileged to have served our seniors for the past 34 years!

The Dighton Council on Aging office, located at 300 Lincoln Avenue in Lincoln Village, is open five days a week from 7:45 am to 3:15 pm Prime Time, located at 1059 Somerset Avenue, in the rear of the Dighton Town Hall, and is open Monday through Friday from 7:45 am to 3:15 pm. Clients attend from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Feel free to call or drop by either office if we can possibly be of service to you.

Both, the Council on Aging and Prime Time, are governed by the Council on Aging Board of Directors, which is comprised of nine members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. All are welcome to attend our open meetings.

Regretfully, Cathy Berlo left our employ. Sheila Neu replaced Cathy at Prime Time and Anabela Powell filled Sheila Neu's position. We wish Cathy well and we're sure that Sheila and Anabela will do well in their new positions.

Our Open House was held on May 18, 2007 to celebrate the completion of our new addition. Over 100 people attended. Unbeknown to Alice Souza, the Executive Director of the Dighton Council on Aging, a surprise dedication of the building was made. A dedication plaque was placed at Prime Time in her honor. The building was dedicated to her, due to her more than 27 years of dedicated service to the elder citizens of our community. The students and faculty of the Dighton-Rehoboth High School Carpentry Department were also honored and a plaque was placed in the new addition in their honor.

Our Caregivers Program continues to grow and caregivers meet at Prime Time once a month.

Emergency preparedness is a high priority of the Council on Aging. The primary concern being elders that are non-ambulatory and those with emergency transportation needs. Seniors with special needs are encouraged to call and register.

The Wellness Program continues to do well. All seniors are welcome to come to our programs once a month held at Lincoln Village. Five to six knowledgeable health care professionals are on hand to help increase awareness on ways to avoid health conditions. These professionals have volunteered over 700 hours of valuable health screenings.

The Dighton Council on Aging continues to work diligently to meet the needs of those over sixty years of age. We could not do this without the help of our devoted staff, the Board of Selectmen, elected officials, town departments, and the citizens of our town who are always so supportive. Thanks for your continued cooperation in helping us meet the needs of our elderly population.

Last, but certainly not least, we wish to thank the Dighton Housing Authority for allowing us office space at Lincoln Village and we look forward to another successful year of service.

Respectfully submitted,

DIGHTON COUNCIL ON AGING

Alice E. Souza, Director

Harold Mendoza, Chairman

Joan Woods, Secretary

Dr. James Hoyer

Gloria Johnson

Nicholas Santore

Roberta Perry

Thomas Ferry

Joseph Lawrence

Carol Nagle

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

As I write my first Annual Report for the Board of Assessors, I would like to start by thanking everyone who voted for me to be part of this board.

As my first year comes to a close I would like to thank Pauline Smith and Joseph Silva for all the support and guidance they have given me. This position is always a learning experience with changes happening daily.

Valerie Wilson has been in this office for over a year now, her dedication and willing to research information helps make this office run smoothly. Valerie has assumed the Asst. Assessors position and will be attending Assessors Course 101 this coming year.

The town completed the annual update of valuations and was certified for Fiscal Year 2008 values and Tax Rate by the D.O.R. on December 21, 2007. Residential values decreased by an average of 1.5% making the levy percentage 81%. Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property decreased by an average of 1.25% making the levy percentage 19%.

As we now see the real estate market changing almost daily we need to keep in mind all city and towns are governed by Massachusetts General Laws.

Because of strict deadline dates, when we start our revaluation work everything is based on prior year sales, keeping this in mind when the actual tax bills are mailed in January these new values are based on one year ago.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Beauregard
Pauline Smith
Joseph Silva

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Two hundred twenty-five Building Permits were issued for 2007:

New Homes	33
Additions or Alterations	70
Large Accessory Buildings	3
Commercial	1
Garages	6
Schools	0
Religious	1
Swimming Pools	20
Wood Stoves	24
Temporary Mobile Homes	3
Demolitions	8
Miscellaneous (fences, small bldgs., decks and signs)	56

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the secretaries in our office, our Fire Chief, Antone Roderick, along with the Health Agent, Joe Pacheco, and all others who have assisted me in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Lawrence
Building Inspector

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The members of the Dighton Cable Advisory Committee have been busy filming the Selectmen's Meetings, Special Meetings, civic events and the Middle School Graduation. We try to keep the citizens of Dighton informed. The cable station in Taunton forwards us tapes for replay consisting of community interest. At present, we replay tapes Tuesdays at 5:30 PM and Fridays at 7:00 PM. As of January 2009, all television broadcasting will switch from analog format to digital format. We are in the process of complying. The Cable Committee is a volunteer group and welcome interested citizens to join our group.

Respectfully submitted,

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ed Olney, Chairman

Roberta Perry

Jim Ready

Ron Smith

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Charles C. Hoffshire did the mowing again this year.

Volunteers are computerizing the grave stone records of all the cemeteries in the town.

Work on the by-laws is completed and on January 24, a public hearing was held. The by-laws were read and approved to apply to all cemeteries in Dighton.

Lots in the Riverside Cemetery are now available for sale through Burial Agent Arthur Morton.

We wish to thank everyone who has assisted us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
Arthur Morton, Burial Officer
Elaine Varley, Clerk
Thomas Ferry

TOWN COLLECTOR

RECONCILIATION WORKSHEET

TOWN	BEGINNING BALANCE	COMMITMENTS	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	ABATEMENTS	TAX TITLE	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTORS CALCULATION	OUTSTANDING PRINTOUT REPT. BALS.	MY CORRECTIONS NEEDED	ACCOUNTANT
+ - -											
REAL ESTATE											
FY2007		9,630,605.11	88,333.76	(9,207,878.87)	(179,859.16)	(31,243.22)		299,957.62	299,957.62		299,957.62
FY2006	233,383.97		91.88	(175,045.11)	(1,378.26)	(2,021.12)		55,031.36	55,031.36		55,031.36
FY2005	22,305.79			(9,006.84)				13,298.95	13,298.95		13,298.95
FY2004											
FY2003											
FY2002											
PERSONAL PROPERTY											
FY2007		367,637.67		(367,278.33)	(38.25)			321.09	378.63	57.54 refund due	321.09
FY2006	12,828.30			(12,820.09)				8.21	8.21		8.21
FY2005	9,668.98			(9,659.28)				9.70	9.71		9.70
FY2004	71.28			(71.28)						0.01	
FY2003											
FY2002											
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MOTOR VEHICLI											
FY2007		709,487.34	6,713.45	(601,982.52)	(23,788.88)			90,429.39	90,429.39		90,429.39
FY2006	58,044.56	104,642.98	9,684.82	(141,670.32)	(11,822.48)			18,879.56	18,879.56		18,879.56
FY2005	12,037.39	318.55	1,018.43	(6,084.13)	(1,050.30)			6,239.94	6,239.94		6,239.94
FY2004	5,088.06		883.42	(1,457.40)	(883.42)			3,630.66	3,630.66		3,630.66
FY2003	4,979.20			(406.25)				4,572.95	4,572.95		4,572.95
FY2002	2,995.22			(741.88)				2,253.34	2,253.34		2,253.34
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FY2001	2,299.17			(403.65)				1,895.52	1,895.52		1,895.52
FY2000	1,947.31							1,947.31	1,947.31		1,947.31
FY1999	1,770.95							1,770.95	1,770.95		1,770.95
FY1998	2,497.92							2,497.92	2,497.92		2,497.92
FY1997	2,151.37							2,151.37	2,151.37		2,151.37
FY1996	1,307.00			(15.00)				1,292.00	1,292.00		1,292.00
FY1995	2,854.48							2,854.48	2,854.48		2,854.48
FY1994	2,920.84							2,920.84	2,920.84		2,920.84
FY1993	761.25							761.25	761.25		761.25
FY1992	1,094.89							1,094.89	1,094.89		1,094.89
FY1991	1,253.13							1,253.13	1,253.13		1,253.13
FY1990	2,226.47							2,226.47	2,226.47		2,226.47
FY1989	1,870.31							1,870.31	1,870.31		1,870.31
FY1988	926.88			(12.50)				914.38	914.38		914.38
FY1987	349.07							349.07	349.07		349.07
PRIOR YEARS								25,799.89	25,799.89		25,799.89

DOG OFFICER

Total of Each Dog Type as of 1/29/2008

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Count of Tag Nos.</u>	<u>Spayed / Neutered</u>
Female	12	
Female	71	Spayed
Male	16	
Male	84	Neutered

Kennel Licenses as of 1/29/2008

<u>Tag No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Dogs</u>	<u>Owner Name/ Address</u>	<u>Rabies No. Exp. Date</u>	<u>Kennel Fee</u>
X01	4/11/07	Four Dogs or Less	DiBona, Joyce 2430 Elm Street	See Attached	\$10.00
X02	4/25/07	Four Dogs or Less	Chater, Irene 2477 Maple Swamp Road	See Attached	\$10.00
X03	6/5/07	Four Dogs or Less	Ready, Mark 1187 Smith Street	See Attached	\$10.00
X07	4/4/07	Ten Dogs or Less	Angell, Betty 1711 Winthrop Street	See Attached	\$25.00
X08	5/17/07	Ten Dogs or Less	Laine, Russell 2043 Somerset Avenue	See Attached	\$25.00
X013	4/5/07	More Than Ten Dogs	Roderick, Tony 2835 County Street	See Attached	\$50.00
X014	4/5/07	More Than Ten Dogs	Kelly, Jean 2285 Winthrop Street	See Attached	\$50.00
X015	4/12/07	More Than Ten Dogs	Frenette, William 563 Hart Street		\$50.00
X016	5/15/07	More Than Ten Dogs	Veltri, Karen 2199 Cedar Street	See Attached	\$50.00

DIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hereby respectfully submit my third annual report for the Dighton Fire Department as required by Section 42 of Chapter 48 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

I would like to congratulate the following members of our department who have passed the State Paramedic Exam - Neil Horton, Nicholas Biello, Christopher Lynds and Brian Lehane. These four have devoted many hours of time in completing the extensive Paramedic Course which includes classroom time, hospital time and ride time. Great job!!

I would like to extend my thanks to Thomas Medeiros and Christopher Maguy for their efforts in running a successful Fire Explorers Program for the Department, they devote a lot of their own time in teaching the young people of our community. Thank you to Christopher Ready for his continuing efforts in Fire Prevention. To Frederick Wilbur, thank you for making the Safe Program something the children in our schools look forward to every year. To Stephen Alvarez, thank you for your effort in keeping our Paramedic Program up and running. Thank you to Lt. Christopher Maguy, Training Officer for the Department for keeping the Departments Training up to date. Thank you to all of the officers for your continuing hard work in training and all that you do, it is much appreciated. Thank you to all of the members of the department for all of your hard work and dedication throughout the past year and thank you to those of you who have also volunteered your time over the past year.

As always, the training of both EMT's and Firefighters is ongoing. While most of our training is done in house, the Massachusetts Fire Academy also has many programs open to all firemen and some of these classes are held in Dighton and surrounding communities. Many of our firefighters and EMTs have taken advantage of these classes. Congratulations to those of you who have completed these classes. In October of this year, the fire academy brought down their live bum trailer, along with their instructors, to train our department members. The department members arrived at their stations at 7:30 am and training was completed a little after 3:30 pm. This was an extensive training class for our department, to review basic fire attack. The three evolutions progressed from a small trash can fire to a kitchen fire and completed with a bedroom fire. The Fire Academy complimented on all personnel, good job to all that participated.

I would like to thank the members of the community who donated money to the Fire Department, each and every one of you should know that whatever the amount of your donation, the Fire Department will put it to good use and it is much appreciated. Also, donated from Bulldog Fire Apparatus was a 1980 Hahn Aerial Ladder Truck, this is a much needed piece of equipment and when it is put into service it will help the Town's ISO rating for our fire insurance. Many thanks to the Dighton Fire Association for providing the funds to letter this piece of equipment. With Grants received from the Dighton Power Plant, we were able to purchase several new pieces of equipment and also this year through a State Firefighting Grant, we were able to purchase new sets of fire gear for our Department Members. We were also fortunate to once again receive the SAFE Grant, which allows us to continue our Fire Education Programs in the schools and community.

This year we were able to do some building upgrades which included a new heating system for Station 1, a new roof and some siding was replaced on Station 2 and the generator at Station 1 was replaced with a new one, sufficient in size for emergency operations.

The Fire Department has responded to a total of 951 calls. Of these 951 calls, 581 were for medical emergencies and 370 were for fire related emergencies.

I would also like to take a moment to comment on the need for a new Fire Engine, the new engine would be used to replace Engine 1 (which was disposed of due to extensive engine and body problems, along with safety-related issues) and the Special Hazards (which is in need of extensive drive train repair). We will be looking to replace these two pieces of equipment with "one" Engine in the near future.

Finally, I would also like to thank Chief Robert MacDonald and the members of the police department, Superintendent Paul DeMoura and the members of his department and the members of the communications department for all of your help and hard work. And finally, thank you to the Board of Selectmen in your vote of confidence. I hope to be able to continue to provide the community with the highest level of emergency medical and fire services and I look forward to working with everyone in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Antone P. Roderick, Jr.
Chief of the Fire Department

DIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ROSTER AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007

ANTONE P. RODERICK, JR., CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Allie, Irene*
 Alvarez, Stephen**
 Biello, Nicholas*
 Boarman, John*
 Carr, Matthew*
 Ferreira, Constance*
 Ferry, Thomas
 Gagnon, Jeffrey (Lieutenant)
 Holt, Jonathan*
 Horton, Neil**
 Howland, James*
 Laine, Keith
 Lehane, Brian*
 Lynds, Christopher*
 Maguy, Christopher* (Lieutenant)
 Maguy, Michael (Captain)
 Medeiros, Thomas**

Pine, Samuel, Jr.
 Pontes, Stephen (Captain)
 Ready, Christopher** (Lieutenant)
 Ready, Mark* (Lieutenant)
 Reed, Paul
 Rego, Lori*
 Rego, Robert*
 Smus, Joseph (Deputy Chief)
 Strange, Brian*
 Torres, Peter* (Deputy's Assistant)
 Turner, Lincoln*
 Urban, Shawn
 White, Joseph T., Jr.*
 Wilbur, Frederick**

** Full Time Fireman/EMT's
 * EMT's

PERMITS FOR YEAR ENDING 2007

Black Powder	0
Underground Storage	0
Tank Truck Inspections	10
Blasting Permits	1
Building Plan Review	35
Cutting & Welding	2
Carbon Monoxide Inspection	100
Oil Storage	36
L.P. Gas Storage	35
Smoke Detectors	96
Underground Tank Removal	4
Open Burning Permits	541
Waste Oil	0
Above Ground Storage	0
Fireworks	1
Gasoline Storage	0
Fire Protection System Repaired	11
Fire Protection System Installation	4
TOTAL PERMITS	876

Inspections have been made in accordance with Section One (1) of Chapter 148 of all buildings licensed by and under the supervision of the Department of Public Health.

CALL INFORMATION FOR 2007

Ambulance Calls

No Transport	94
Motor Vehicle Accident	62
Mutual Aid	92
Medical Calls	333
TOTAL CALLS	581

Fire Calls

Building Fire	5
Vehicle Fire	3
Brush Fire	13
False Alarm	78
Gas Leak	6
Illegal Burning	26
Carbon Monoxide	15
Other Calls*	224
TOTAL CALLS	370

* Other Calls – smoke investigations, power lines down, motor vehicle accidents, mutual aid, alarm malfunction, unknown.

BOARD OF HEALTH

In 2007, the board dealt with numerous animal complaints that included ducks, dogs, goats, donkeys, peacocks, and a wallaby. The ongoing duck problem led to legal action and a court case that continues under appeal by the duck owner. In addition, a number of dead birds were reported and picked up to check for West Nile Virus. Information was disseminated to the public regarding steps to take to help prevent Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus. We were fortunate that no birds or mosquitoes tested positive for any virus. We had a report of the MERSA virus being diagnosed and treated at the regional high school. We remind all residents to keep their dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies and to renew their licenses.

Our trash contractor, Borges Brothers, introduced Single Stream Recycling. The program operated on a trial basis and was later approved permanently by the board. This new approach to recycling saved the town approximately \$7,000 during the year. The town partnered with "Got Books" to recycle books. A bin was located at the edge of the north driveway at town hall to collect books, CDs, and DVD's. The town no longer pays \$20 per ton for book removal.

The board joined with other communities and appointed a tobacco control officer to help prevent sales of tobacco products to minors. This position has no cost to the town. Work began on hosting a hazardous waste collection day and an annual curbside pickup of bulk waste such as appliances, electronic equipment and furniture. These two events will be held in 2008.

Several applications for low interest loans for citizens having to upgrade or replace existing septic systems were approved. If anyone needs assistance with this type of project please contact our office.

The board drafted a Stormwater Bylaw as required by the EPA. Various town boards, committees and legal counsel will review this bylaw. There will be a public hearing and special town meeting to act on its acceptance early in 2008.

The problem of roadside trash continues to cost the town for cleanup. The highway department spent many hours providing this service. We urge all residents to do their part to keep our town clean.

We have the services of a public nurse, on a call/contractual basis, to assist us in the increasingly complex area of public health.

The Board thanks the following individuals and departments for their support in addressing the variety of problems that are reported to this office:

Chief Antone Roderick and the Fire Dept.
Supt. Paul DeMoura and the Highway Dept.
Chief Robert MacDonald and the Police Dept.
Donald French, Plumbing Inspector
Ms. Joy Bannister, Dog Officer,
Animal Control

Joseph Lawrence, Building Inspector
Peter Bleau, Electrical Inspector
Paul Hoffshire, Animal Inspector
Ms. Alice Souza and the Council on Aging
Ms. Denise Wilkins, Town Nurse

Three individuals presently share the duties of the Health Agent:

Mr. Joseph Pacheco, percolation tests, septic inspections

Christina Wordell, health inspections

Ms. Alice Souza, domestic concerns of the elderly

In conclusion, we wish to express our appreciation to Annette Wertz and Glenna Smith for help in the day-to-day operations of the Board of Health, Paul DeMoura and the Highway Department for their work in operating the transfer station/recycling facility, all town employees and townspeople for their support and cooperation during the past year.

We are pleased to report no significant public health problems during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF HEALTH

Thomas Pires, Chairman

Frank G. Costa

Richard Hegeman

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

During 2007, the Highway Department completed a number of major projects that are outlined below. Following the completion of the new water lines and the treatment plant, the town resurfaced Maple, Oak and Wheeler Streets. In addition, drainage upgrades and repairs and guardrails were completed on Wheeler Street. Along with resurfacing streets, all catch basins were cleaned and repairs were made.

As time allowed and weather permitted, the town continued its program of tree and brush trimming and removal in cooperation with the tree warden. We have tried to keep up with this program and encourage residents to notify the highway superintendent and tree warden of any trees or brush that may be considered a hazard or obstruction to visibility in the operation of a motor vehicle. We have assisted the town with building maintenance and repairs and continue to provide plowing and sanding services to the elementary and middle schools. Repairs were made to the seating area and stonewall cap at the Spratt Field behind town hall.

Due to changing regulations from the Department of Environmental Protection, highway department employees have been required to devote more time to work at the transfer station and recycling center. We expect that involvement to continue in order for the town to comply with state and federal mandates.

Other activities of the Highway Department included the reconstruction of the intersection of Hart and Pleasant Streets including relocation of the town's fountain and watering trough to the newly constructed garden in front of town hall. We appreciate the assistance of the Dighton Garden Club with the garden plans, layout and planting. Once again, the holiday display was set up that included the addition of a replica of Dighton High School or Dighton Junior High School as it was known by later generations. The plaque commemorating Silas Talbot was mounted on a fieldstone boulder and set in place at the Veteran's Memorial in time for the rededication on November 11. We wish to express our thanks to the Historical Commission and the VFW for their cooperation.

The town was able to purchase a new dump truck with state aid and some money from Dighton Power allowed for the purchase of a snowplow.

The plans for the reconstruction of Center Street and the Berkley Dighton Bridge are another project that the highway superintendent has been working on along with the selectmen.

There is one area that we continue to need assistance and cooperation from the townspeople and that area deals with trash and roadside litter. We have spent many hours cleaning up town property and roads for something that is everyone's responsibility. We know that people passing through town generate some of the trash. We ask residents to do what they can to keep our roadsides clean and to use trash receptacles when they attend activities on town property.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to the men of the highway department police and fire departments, the Board of Selectmen, all town employees, and the citizens of the town for their cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul DeMoura, Superintendent
Highway Department

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Segreganset School Restoration Project has now finished the outside of the building with Scout Patrick Gray and volunteers. We hope to get funds to remove lead paint inside the building now. Desks and chairs found stored in the Grange Hall are to be restored and also a stove has been donated.

Meetings between Dighton, Berkley Historical Commissions and the state have taken place on to discuss the Dighton Berkley Bridge.

Work is still continuing on the six month by-law on selling and Historic Home.

The Dighton Historical Commission met this fall with the Dighton Historical Society to start forming plans for the Town 300th Tri-Centennial to be celebrated in 1212. There are town residents beginning to volunteer to serve on various committees. The Historical Commission met with the Board of Selectmen on December 19, 2007 to review suggestions for the formation of committees for the celebration.

Further meetings will continue as time approaches for the celebration.

We wish to thank Town Officials and townspeople that helped in anyway during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Elaine B. Varley, Chairman

Colette McKeon, Secretary

Lois McCormick

Gregg Ferreira

Richard Gunther

Karl D. Dodenhoff

DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The mission of the Dighton Public Library is “to provide and improve general information, lifelong learning opportunities and a commons environment to Dighton residents and visitors. Opportunities for personal enrichment, intellectual stimulation, emotional development and recreation offered at and by the library enhance the quality of life in Dighton. Programs and services are offered in a friendly and timely manner- We are constantly striving to improve our services to meet the needs of our users and the community at large.”

The Library experienced several staff changes during 2007. Long time employee Maggie St. Ours left the Library in June to pursue other career opportunities. We all wish to thank Maggie for eleven years of dedicated service to the citizens of Dighton. Suzanne Dauteuil of Swansea was hired in June to replace both Maggie St. Ours and Michael Cardin as Technical Services Librarian and Adult Services Librarian. Other library staff includes the Director - Ann Rust, Circulation Librarian - Phyllis Haskell, Youth Services Librarian - Lorie Van Hook and Custodian - Britt Grealish-Rust,

Over ninety Dighton children participated in the statewide summer reading program “Catch the Beat at Your Library,” a fun-filled program that encouraged children to read books and visit the library throughout the summer.

Dighton adults participated in our adult summer reading program. Participants were encouraged to broaden their reading habits by choosing genres from a variety of areas to fill in their bingo type reading logs.

As part of our mission to provide “lifelong learning opportunities” to adults we continue to offer home delivery of books, magazines, audio books, and other items to seniors and disabled residents who are unable to come to the library. Other adult services offered include enrichment programs such as book discussion groups, floral design, computer instruction, local author talks, crafts, historical presentation and many others.

The services offered by the library continue to change and improve as the needs of the community change. In 2007, a total of 33,916 items were borrowed from the Dighton Library by 32,108 users including 28,822 Dighton residents -items borrowed included 20,803 books, 1,080 magazines and 7,658 videos. Dighton Public Library’s current collection is valued at over \$400,000. This year we added 1,880 items to our collection.

Dighton Library belongs to the SAILS library network with over 60 libraries in surrounding communities that share resources. Dighton borrowed 10,108 items and loaned 9,415 from these local libraries. Through the SAILS network residents have access to downloadable audio books, eBooks and music – this service was used 66 times by Dighton residents in 2007.

The Dighton Library received \$8,450 from the Mass Board of Library Commissioner’s State Aid program for compliance with state regulations. To receive State Aid to Public Libraries, a municipality and its library must be annually certified by the Board of Library Commissioners as meeting a municipal appropriation requirement for the current fiscal year and as having met certain minimum standards of public library service in the previous fiscal year, as detailed in M.G.L., Ch. 78, s.19A and 19B, amended by current budget language. The regulations for compliance include a minimum number of operating hours, adequate materials budget and employment of a certified Library Director.

The Library's museum pass program to seven museums and community attractions was supported with a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Dighton PTO and the Friends of the Library. Several passes were not renewed this year because of rising costs and reduction in funds needed to support this program.

The Friends of the Library continue to meet bi-monthly to support adult and children's programs offered by the Library.

The Library redesigned its web site www.Dightonlibrary.org to enhance the virtual services offered to the community. We also participate in the teen web site "My Own Cafe," an online community just for teens, a space where teens in Southeastern Massachusetts can share their thoughts and writing and get homework help» information and news on music, movies and books. Wireless internet service is available to library customers in addition to our six public internet computers.

Planning continues to bring a new library to the Dighton community. The building committee has expanded with several new committees working on marketing and public relations projects and serve as a resource to the community on the building project. The library is waiting to see the outcome of a bond bill filed by Governor Patrick in late 2007 to fund all construction grants for libraries on the waiting list.

Respectfully submitted,

DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ann Rust, Library Director

Lynn Dupont, Trustee

Ginny Berube, Trustee

Paul Couture, Trustee

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

On June 30, 2007, the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed forty-eight years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County. The mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitoes.

Spring and Summer Larviciding - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitoes in areas where mosquito larvae are present.

Catch Basin Treatment - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

Mosquito Surveillance Program - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number - a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitoes is also useful to determine what areas have nuisance populations of mosquitoes.

Water Management - A year round endeavor to clean and maintain mosquito drainage ditches in areas to reduce standing water conducive to mosquito larvae.

Public Outreach - Providing important information to the residents of the county with respect to personal protection against mosquito bites, mosquito breeding prevention on one's property and mosquito data.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally sensitive so that they do not negatively impact people or the environment. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at legal levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state licensed pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

During the time period January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007, the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 6,024.7 acres
- Treated 18.3 acres in 35 locations with BTI for mosquito larvae
- Received 194 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 2,600 feet of brush
- Treated 535 catch basins

The Bristol County Mosquito Control Project in a cooperative effort with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health - State Laboratory Institute has been trapping mosquitoes throughout Bristol County and sending the collections to the State Virus Lab.

I would like to thank the town officials and the people of Dighton for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne N. Andrews, Superintendent

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Arthur F. Tobin, Chairman

Gregory D. Dorrance

Christine A. Fagan

Joseph Barile

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board met 22 times in 2007. Within that time the Planning Board approved 16 Form A plans, subdivision control law not required. The Board approved 1 subdivision in 2007, Old Williams Street Estates consisting of (6) six lots. The Board also reviewed and approved 2 Preliminary plans, Old Wellington Acres and Amaral's Way. The Board also denied (1) one subdivision known as Sample Meadows located off Wellington Street consisting of (18) eighteen lots.

In 2007, the Board had a subdivision withdraw without prejudice Whispering Pines located off Pine Street consisting of (34) lots. The Planning Board amended their subdivision Rules and Regulations. At the special Town meeting in December the Town voted to accept the streets in (3) three subdivisions, Ledgewood Estates, Shan- Lee Estates and Segregansett Estates.

The office is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to 2:00 p.m. The Planning Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at the Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

DIGHTON PLANNING BOARD

David Araujo, Chairman

Robert Boughner.; Vice-Chairman, Clerk

Bruce Murphy

Stephen Gilbert

Kenneth Araujo

DIGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Full-Time Officers:

Chief Robert L. MacDonald; Sergeants James A. Lavigne, Edward F. Dutra, Cory H. Medeiro; Patrolmen Douglas P. Roy, David P. McGuirk, William J. Perry, James M. Duddy, George L. Nichols, Ronald Duquet, Shawn Cronin.

Reserve Officers:

Jerome Coelho, Paula DeFortis, Delfin Diosomito, Roger S. Duarte, Steven Ferreira, Nicole Loura, Patrick McCarthy, William Rasmussen, Ryan Richards, Johnathan Rioux, David Sheedy, Bradley Steever, Joy Swartzendruber.

Secretary – Karlene L. Bourque

The Police Department took in the following revenues and turned them into the Town Account:

License to Carry	\$17,375.00
LTC's	193
FID	20
FID Chemical Only	4
Insurance Request	\$373.00

Privately Paid Extra Duty Details turned into the Town for Officers' payment: ... \$202,791.23

Number of calls responded to: 5,767

Accidents	162	Missing Persons	14
Alarms	452	Missing Persons Found	14
Arrests	71	Murder	0
Assaults	27	Suspicious Activity Calls	238
Assist Civilians	192	Warrants/209A/Summons	71
Assist Fire Rescue	441	Domestics	77
Assist Other Police Dept.	120	Complaints	791
B&E	15	Rabid Animal Calls	2
B&E Building	7	Vandalism	74
Larceny	98	Miscellaneous	811
Road Rage	4	Home Invasion	0
Animal Calls	141	911 Calls	1,953

Our Full-Time Officers re-certified in CPR, 1st Responder and In Service, All veteran Reserve re-certified in CPR, 1st responder. Also all new reserves hired this year completed Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council Academy for reserves.

During the months of October and November, IMC held several trainings in which our Full Time Dispatchers, Sergeant James Lavigne, Sergeant Edward Dutra, Patrolman David McGuirk, Patrolman William Perry, Patrolman Shawn Cronin, Karlene Bourque and I attend to learn the operation of the new system. The next few months Patrolman Shawn Cronin will conduct in house training for all other personnel.

Our Safety Officer Patrolman James Duddy and Assistant Safety Officer George Nichols and Patrolman David McGuirk conducted the following programs:

Bus safety was presented to the following schools:

Dighton Elementary
Dighton Middle School
Bristol Agricultural School

Halloween Safety @ Elementary School
Fingerprinting ID Kits done at the Elementary

Over the past year, the Police Department has incorporated many new changes. With the Town's support to fund the IMC program we purchased software for our computers that will allow our department to run more efficient. Once Sergeant Edward Dutra and I were able to get the contracts in order the system was ready for programming. Patrolman Shawn Cronin with his knowledge of computers, time and dedication has worked diligently with IMC and should have the system up and running in full capacity within the next few months. This system will provide a more efficient record keeping system, link our department with 22 State and Police Departments. Streamline paperwork for court operations and increase our data base substantially.

With help and support from Sergeant Edward Dutra, Patrolman William Perry and Superintendent Paul DeMoura our station is in the process of undergoing renovations. They include a new holding cell for prisoners, a well needed addition for interviews, and the remodeling of our Duty Room to accommodate individual work stations for our Officers. All building construction was handled by our Highway Department personnel.

With the cooperation of Verizon and the state our 911 system was changed over to the new Vista Pallas with Orion mapping system. This new mapping system allows us to Pinpoint callers to within approximately 100 yards of their location. Theresa Costa, Vanessa Smith and Paul Reed attended 2 day training classes to learn the system. On March 27th, the new system went on line and has been functioning without any problem.

We have been successful in receiving grants from both the Federal Government and the State that we applied for. In the past year the following Grant Money was received:

Community Policing – \$33,440.00

Purchased 3 lap top computers for our cruisers to increase productivity.

Bullet Proof Vest - \$18,000.00

(Supplied Sergeants, Patrolman and Reserv Officers with new bullet proof vest)

We also received \$14,640.00 from a drug investigation that can be used towards purchase of equipment, etc.

With a generous donation of \$13,000.00 from Dunkin' Donuts the Department was able to purchase a larger in-house Computer Server to handle our new complex networking software.

The Town of Dighton continues to grow and my responsibility as Chief of Police to see that our department is equipped and trained to meet the needs of the people. My future goal for the coming year is to continue to upgrade our department and keep Dighton a safe place to live. I would like to request your continued support to aid us in fighting crime. Please do not hesitate to call your Police Department to report any thing you may believe to be suspicious in nature or out of the ordinary in behavior. Dial 911 for emergencies to Stop a Crime, Save a Life, Report a Fire, you may use 669-6711 for all other business.

I would like to continue with a thank you to all dispatchers for their help and cooperation over the past year, all department personnel for their professional and dedicated support to the Dighton Police Department to ensure safety and security in town.

I would like to thank, Secretary, Karlene Bourque, for all her help and dedication given to the Department and myself.

I would like to thank Fire Chief Antone Roderick and his personnel for their continued support. Superintendent Paul DeMoura and the Highway Department Staff thank you for your assistance over the past year. Thanks to the Board of Selectmen, Town Employees, Town Officials and State, Federal and County Employees we have worked with.

I thank the American Auto Auction for their continuation of reconditioning our cruisers, I would like to thank the Dighton Lions Club for their contribution to Halloween Safety program held at the Elementary School. Finally, I would like to thank the DPCFAC (Dighton Power Charitable Fund Advisory Committee) for their generosity on supplying our Department with our new cruiser and all equipment.

In closing, I request the continue support of all as we face increasing complex changes of the future. I wish to send my condolence to all those who lost a love one in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. MacDonald
Chief of Police

SANITARY INSPECTOR

As we enter 2008, we find that more State Regulations are being passed requiring additional inspections by the Sanitary Inspector. Most of these regulations are to protect the water and air quality.

Since taking over the job of Sanitary Inspector, the residents of Dighton have supported me in my enforcement and inspections and I look forward to 2008 to serve the Town of Dighton.

The following permits were issued in 2007:

Sanitation Permits Issued	40
Sewage Disposal Installers	25
Food Service Permits	24

I would like to thank everyone that has assisted and worked with me during 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Pacheco
Sanitary Inspector

**DIGHTON-REHOBOTH
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**



Year Ending December 31, 2007

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

CENTRAL OFFICE

2700 Regional Road
North Dighton, MA 02764
508-252-5000 (telephone) / 508-252-5024 (fax)

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DR. FRANCIS J. CONNOR

University of Massachusetts, Ed.D.
E-Mail: DRConnor@DRRegional.org

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

MARY ANN DeMELLO

Bridgewater State University, M.Ed.
E-Mail: MADemello@DRRegional.org

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

PAUL MARTIN

United States Coast Guard Academy, B.S. Engineering

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

MICHAEL CHILDS

Bridgewater State College, C.A.G.S. Education

DISTRICT TREASURER / ACCOUNTING OFFICER

PAULINE LARUE

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

KELLIE PARTRIDGE-FAGAN

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CENTRAL OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF

Shelly Gildea - Accts Payable/Receivable

Gail Kohn - Payroll Department

Joanne Rebelo - Acct Payable/Receivable

Tammy Steeves – Special Education Department

Gail Fisher - Bus. Administrator's Office

Kimberly Lacroix - Sec. to the Asst. Super.

Joan Silvia - Payroll & Benefits Department

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN:

Dr. Linda Tartell

SCHOOL NURSES:

D-R High School: Dawn Dailey-Begin, RN

Dighton Middle School: Denise Wilkins, RN

Dighton Elementary School: Rosemary Borden, RN

Palmer River School: Theresa Hutson, RN

Beckwith Middle School: Cathy Mondor, RN

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Name /Address:

Term Expires:

Richard Barrett

283 Rocky Hill Road
Rehoboth, MA 02769 2010

Maureen Brawley

35 Reynolds Avenue
Rehoboth, MA 02769 2008

Lisa Gay

1850 Pine Hill Road
North Dighton, MA 02764 2009

Casey Hall

137 Chestnut Street
Rehoboth, MA 02769 2008

Howard Horsman

1782 Wheeler Street
North Dighton, MA 02764 2009

David Katseff

4 Apple Valley Drive
Rehoboth, MA 02769 2009

Mary Beth Moriarty

5 Ralsie Road
Rehoboth, MA 02769 2008

Barbara Murray

2300 Fieldstone Drive
North Dighton, MA 02764 2008

William Newman

2440 Maple Swamp Road
North Dighton, MA 02764 2010

Janice Terry

66 Walker Street
North Dighton, MA 02764 2008

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six (6) years of age or who will become six (6) years of age on or before August 31st. Kindergarten registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least five (5) years of age or who will become five (5) years of age on or before August 31st.

Birth Certificate

Every child who enters school for the first time **must** present a birth certificate.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a doctor's certificate of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles, mumps, rubella, and polio, or a statement from his/her physician that vaccination is inadvisable. Children entering school for the first time are also required to have a physical examination.

"NO SCHOOL" INFORMATION

Kindergarten, Elementary School, Middle School, and High School

Whenever the school buses can be operated safely, there will be school in the District (unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close). In the event of closing, the information will be broadcast over the following radio and television stations: **WPRO (AM 630); WHJJ (AM 920); WBZ (AM 1030); WSAR (AM 1480); PRO FM (FM 920); WSNE (FM 93.3); WHJY (FM 94.1); LITE ROCK 105 (FM 105); WJAR TV NBC 10; WPRI TV CBS 12; WBZ TV 4; WCVB TV 5; WFXT TV FOX 25; WNAC TV FOX 64; WLNE TV ABC 6; WHDH TV NBC 7; WWBB FM (B101); Fall River; Dighton and Rehoboth Cable (TV15).**

ENROLLMENT

AS OF DECEMBER 2007

Palmer River Elementary and Dorothy L. Beckwith Middle Schools

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Pre-K.....	40
K	111
1	153
2	139
3	144
4	154
5	154
6	157
7	156
8	148
TOTAL	1,356

Dighton Elementary and Dighton Middle Schools

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Pre-K.....	26
K	76
1	91
2	101
3	107
4	91
5	104
6	98
7	117
8	133
TOTAL	944

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
9	257
10	283
11	262
12	263
TOTAL	1,065

TTOTAL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT 3,365

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2007–2008

As approved by the Dighton–Rehoboth Regional School Committee

	Elementary School <u># of Days</u>	Middle School <u># of Days</u>	DRRHS <u># of Days</u>
School Opens September 5, 2007 Closes December 21, 2008	72	72	72
School Opens January 2, 2008 Closes February 15, 2008	32	32	32
School Opens February 25, 2008 Closes April 18, 2008	39	39	39
School Opens April 28, 2008 Closes June 19, 2008	38	38	38
Total number of days attended	181	181	181

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS

October 8, 2007 – Columbus Day
 October 22, 2007 – Teacher Workshops – Early Release
 November 6, 2007 – Teacher Workshop – No School
 November 12, 2007 – Veteran’s Day – No School
 November 21-23, 2007 – Thanksgiving Recess
 December 24, 2007 - January 1, 2008 – Christmas Recess
 January 14, 2008 – Teacher Workshop – Early Release
 January 21, 2008 – Martin Luther King Day – No School
 February 18-22, 2008 – Winter Recess
 March 21, 2008 – Good Friday
 March 31, 2008 – PROPOSED Early Release
 April 21-25, 2008 – Spring Recess
 May 26, 2008 – Memorial Day – No School

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



DISTRICT PERSONNEL

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

<u>Dept. / Position</u>	<u>College/University/Degree</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL		
Gail Van Buren	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	2006
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS		
Michael Rubin	Brown University, B.A.	2001
Jonathan Evans	Colgate University, B.A.	2007
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
Michael Procaccini	Fitchburg State College, Vocational Education	2005
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR		
Stanley Franczyk	Briar Cliff College, B.A.	1984
DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE		
F. Leon Sibielski	University of Rhode Island, M.S.	1999
ADJUSTMENT / GUIDANCE COUNSELORS		
Laurent Dulac	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	2007
Lisa Maidment	Northeastern University, M.Ed.	2005
Linda Neault	University of Massachusetts - Boston, M.Ed.	2007
Jacquelyn Tremblett	Boston University, M.Ed.	2006

<u>Dept. / Position</u>	<u>College/University/Degree</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
LIBRARY		
Cynthia Bergeron	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1980
SECRETARIES		
Sharon Araujo - Principal's Secretary	Theresa Matteson - Vocational Office	
Lesley Galego - School Office	Lori Dias - School Office Reception	
Martha Gordon - SPED Office	Kathy Shillan - Guidance Office	
ILA / LIBRARY AIDE / NURSE ASSISTANTS		
Donna Anuszczyk - SPED ILA	Donna Herring - Nurse Assistant	
Carolyn Borden - SPED ILA (SAIL)	Cynthia Mosher - SPED ILA	
Maureen Courcy - Library	Kimberly Sargent - SPED ILA	
Kathleen Enos - SPED ILA	Gail Decosta - ILA	
Diane Tetreault - SPED ILA	Michael Tetreault - ILA	
Donna Furlong - Plan. Center Aide	Norma Weckmuller - SPED ILA	
Alison Mancini - SPED ILA	Jessica Burt - SPED ILA	
Lori Neville - SPED ILA	Elizabeth Sherry - SPED ILA	
Mary Lou Rose - SPED ILA		
VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL		
Alfred Rose	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed., V.C.	1978
David Souza	New England Technical Institute	1998
Gary Levesque	Fitchburg State College, V.Tech/Carp.	2004
David Jarvais	RI College, BS Technical Education	2005
Joseph Negro	Rhode Island College/New England Tech	2007
TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION		
ART		
Senior Teacher		
Glen Davis	Cranbrook Academy of Art, M.F.A.	1979
Wendy Rutkowski	Bridgewater State College, M.A.T.	1990
Elizabeth Tache	University of M.A. - Dartmouth, B.S.	1991
BUSINESS EDUCATION		
Department Chair		
Patricia Madsen	Plymouth State College, B.S.	1993
Colleen Hall	Salem State College, B.S.	2007
Diane Hayes	Bryant College, B.S.	1997
ENGLISH		
Department Chair		
William Cuthbertson	Springfield College, M.Ed.	1978
Alfred Boutin	Providence College, M.Ed.	2007
Claudia Corey	Providence College, BA Arts	2007
Linda King	Bridgewater State College, M.A.	2004
Ellen LaSalle	Northeastern State, OK, M.Ed.	2001
Kurt Loell	State University of N.Y. - Fredonia, B.A.	2001

<u>Dept. / Position</u>	<u>College/University/Degree</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
Stephen Perry	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	2004
Mary Ann Rodrigues	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	2007
Heather Rose	Bridgewater State, B.A.	2001
Jeremy Morrison	Harvard University, M. Ed.	2005
Ann Siachos	URI, B.A.	2005

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Department Chair

Louise Mahoney	Providence College, M.A.T.	1979
Victor Augusto	University of M.A. - Dartmouth, B.A.	1994
Jennifer Brakefield	University of Maryland, B.A.	2007
Maria DeAguiar	Brown University, M.A.T.	1994
Donna Gifun	University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth, B.A.	2007
Holly Loell	Simmons College, M.A.T.	1994
Ken Sabella	Bridgewater State, M.A.	2001

CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT

Doris Ghilardi	Wheelock College, B.S.	1993
Cheryl Tella	Rhode Island College, B.S.	2005

MATHEMATICS

Department Chair

Michelle Deschenes	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	1982
James Ascoli	University of Rhode Island, B.A.	2007
Joanna Braga	Worcester Poly Tech., B.A.	2001
Karen Enos	Rhode Island College, B.A.	1996
Paul Flaherty	Northeastern University, B.S.	2007
Jarrold Gorman	Fitchburg State College, B.A.	2007
Kris Olson	University of Rhode Island, B.S.	2007
John Parente	Providence College, M.Ed.	2001
Ann Provonsil	Providence College, B.A.	1984
Jenna Rozzero	Roger Williams College, B.S.	2007

MUSIC

Senior Teacher

Kristin Voccio	Rhode Island College, Masters Music	2002
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HEALTH / PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Senior Teacher

Julie Goodman	University of Wisconsin, B.S.	2006
David Morgado	Fitchburg State College, M.A.	1983
Geralyn Dias	Springfield College, B.S. Health	2005
William Ivatts	Springfield College, M.Ed. Physical Ed.	2006

<u>Dept. / Position</u>	<u>College/University/Degree</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
SCIENCE		
Department Chair		
Cynthia McCabe	Rhode Island College, B.S.	1995
Judith Brown	University of M.A. - Amherst, B.S.	1977
Linda Borges-Dubois	Univ. of Southern California, M.S.	1981
Christopher Grover	University of M.A., M. Arts	2005
David Harwood (3/7's)	University of M.A. - Dartmouth, M.Ed.	1970
Stephen Lovejoy	Bridgewater State, B.S. Biology	2003
Donna Moreira	Harvard University, M. Liberal Arts	2004
Clotilde O'Gara	Rhode Island College, B.S.	2000
Jill Saxon	Providence College, M.Ed.	2001
Elizabeth Walsh	Boston University, B.S.	1993
Sarah Watt	University of M.A. - Boston, M.Ed.	2005
SOCIAL STUDIES		
Department Chair		
William J. Cute, Jr.	Providence College, M.Ed.	1973
Christopher Borden	Boston University, M.A.	2006
Kevin Braga	Bridgewater State, B.S.	2007
Anthony Coelho	Brown University, Ed.D.	1998
David Driscoll	Providence College, M.Ed.	1978
Alison King-Anthony	Rhode Island College, B.A.	1995
David Moura	University of M.A. - Dartmouth, M.A.	2003
Jonathan Pacheco	Bridgewater State, B.A.	2000
Benjamin Pease	Salem State College, M.Ed.	2002
MARKETING EDUCATION		
Anita Lamoureux	San Francisco State, BA Business Admin.	2007
SPECIAL SERVICES		
Department Chair		
William Wade	Rhode Island College, M.Ed., CAGS	2005
John Greenless	Emmanuel College, M.Ed.	2006
Jane Hunt	Providence College, M.Ed.	1993
Stephen Kulpa	Felician College, B.S.	1996
Christian LaSalle	Oklahoma State, M.Ed.	2007
Anthony Nardi	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	2001
Kenneth O'Leary	Salem State College, B.S.	2006
Angela Pimento	=Rhode Island College, BS	2007
Susan Starrett (SAIL)	Simmons College, M.Ed.	2005
VIDEO		
Fred Hallal	Johnson & Wales University, Ph.D.	1981
ADAPTIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION		

<u>Dept. / Position</u>	<u>College/University/Degree</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST		
Henry "Nick" Jones	UMass - Lowell, B.S. Physics	2006

SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
Matthew Tobin

CUSTODIANS (in alphabetical order)

Joao Fidaldo	John Rudis
Almon Hopkins	Aurelio Silvestre
John Lavigne	Sergio Simoes
Salvador Lopez, Jr.	Frank Slusarz
David Rose	Jim Thornley

LAVATORY MONITORS

Sandra Mathieu	Gloria Pontes
Al Pontes	John Rabbitt

DISTRICT COURIER

John Coelho

DIGHTON SCHOOLS' PERSONNEL

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

<u>Dept. / Position</u>	<u>College/University/Degree</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
PRINCIPAL		
Ann Marie McMahon	Bridgewater State College, M.A.	2005
FACULTY		
Brigitte Anger	RISD & University of M.A., B.A.	2004
Raymond Badger	Rhode Island College, B.S.	2007
Deena Bellavance	Rhode Island College, M. Ed.	2007
Maureen Borghesani	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1991
Jennifer Carter	Boston University, M.Ed.	1997
Andrea Castonguay	Providence College, B.S.	2000
Tammy Collins	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed., SPED	2006
Cynthia Correa	Framingham State College, M.Ed.	2000
Susan Cunha	University of Massachusetts, B.A.	2005
Katherine Curneen	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1973
Stephanie Curtis	University of Dayton, B.S.	1997
Shirley DeMello	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	1995
Christina Clifford-Duarte	Springfield College, M.A.	2002
John Durkee	Worcester State College, M.Ed.	1988
Judith Gallagher	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	2000
Susan Gaska (DES/DMS)	Lesley University, M.Ed.	2007
Tracy Gustafson	Bridgewater State College, B.S., Education/Psych.	2006
Alice Lopresti	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	1973
Brian Michaud	University of Connecticut, M.E.	1995
Lisa Perry	Wheelock College, B.S.	2007
Karen Rose	Northeastern University, B.S.	1997
Maggie Slavett	University of Massachusetts, M.Ed.	2005
Meghan Snee	Roger Williams College, B.A.	2005
Jacqueline Ulmschneider	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	1997
Zachary Waddicor	Fitchburg State College, B.S. Elementary	2006
Jeffrey White	Bridgewater State College, M.S.	1974
Jane Wyatt	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1975

DIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

<u>Dept. / Position</u>	<u>College/University/Degree</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
PRINCIPAL		
Michael Cichon	Fitchburg University, M.Ed.	1987 / 2007
FACULTY		
Paulette Angell	Fitchburg State, M.Ed.	1996
David Avila	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1973
Alison Berenback	University of Penn., M.Ed.	2006
Judith Bertozzi	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1992
Kathryn Clark	University of Rhode Island, B.S.	1993
Valerie Cleary	Bridgewater State, M.A.	2002
William Connolly	University of M.A. - Dartmouth, B.A.	2000
Wendy Cute	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1973
Jeanne Dennis	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	1996
Janet Dooley	University of M.A. - Boston, B.A.	2002
Laura Emerson	Bridgewater State College, B.A.	2004
Amanda Ferreira	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	2007
Susan Gaska (DES/DMS)	Lesley University, M. Ed.	2007
Bethany Gauvin	Rhode Island College, B.S.	2007
Kathy Gilbert	Assumption College, M.Ed.	1996
Kevin Gousie	Bridgewater State, B.S.	2001
Lynn Ingram	Bridgewater State, M.Ed.	1999
David Lancaster	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	2007
Mary Machado	Stonehill College, B.S.	1970
Ana Monterio	Boston University	2007
Paula North	Western State College, M.Ed.	1977
Christine Panarese	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	2006
Brenda Patten	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1982
Jesse Perry	Rhode Island College, B.S.	1978
Carl Peterson	Rhode Island College, B.S.	1992
Carol Richard	Rhode Island College, M.A.	2007
Elaine Silvestre	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	1975
Louis Silvia	Bridgewater State College, B.A.	1975
Patricia Snee	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1988
Renee Souza	Quinnipiac University, M. Arts	2006
Dawne Steele	Northeastern University, M.Ed.	2007
Timothy Sullivan	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1979
Jenny Ventura	Northeastern University, M.Ed.	2007
Susan Warren	University of M.A. - Dartmouth, B.A.	1993
Mary Wilusz	Lowell State College, B.M.	1995

**DIGHTON ELEMENTARY & DIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOLS
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

<u>Dept. / Position</u>	<u>College/University/Degree</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
FACULTY		
Dayle Augustine	Lesley College, M.Ed.	2004
Jennie Baglini	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed., SPED	2005
Jean Bezner	Cambridge College, M.Ed.	2006
Rosemary Borden	Fall River Diploma School of Nursing, R.N.	1991
Tracy Bullock	Lesley University, B.A.	2006
Andrea Cabral	Framingham State College, M.Ed.	2005
Marlene Correia	Salve Regina University, M.A.	2002
Mary Jo DeSilva	University of Phoenix, M. Ed.	1981
Alaina Driscoll	Bridgewater State College, Elem/Sped. Cert.	2007
Martha Edminster	Trinity College, M.Ed.	2000
Allison Gittus	University of Rhode Island, M.S.	2000
Deborah Maldonado	Hampton University	2007
Tiffany Martin	Boston University, M.Ed.	2002
Linda Munise	Lesley University, M.Ed.	2001
Karen Pittsley	Lesley College, M.A.	2000
Cara Romano	MA Institute of Health, M.S.	2000
Mary Rourke	Rhode Island College, B.S.	1992
Heather Rutko	Merrimack College, B.Arts/Spanish	2003
Mary Ann Shaker	UMass - North Dartmouth, B.A. Sociology	2006
Denise Wilkins, RN	Southeastern Mass., BSN	2000

TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR

James Pauly	Roger Williams University, B.S.	2002
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ENRICHMENT

Paulette Angell	Loyola University, M.Ed.	1996
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ADAPTIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MUSIC

Paula Roy	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	2002
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LIBRARY / MEDIA AIDES

Marsha Kimpton	Fitchburg State College, B.S.	1985
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SECRETARIES

Susan Marsden - Dighton Middle School
 Susan Murphy - Dighton Middle School
 Linda Deleo - Dighton Elementary School
 Gabriela Farias - Dighton Middle School Special Education Clerk

CLERKS / MONITORS / ILA'S / AIDES

Dina Boostrom	Colleen Ford*	Lisa Mainella
Nancy Peixoto	Dorothy Torres	Elizabeth Cornell
Kerri Moniz	Andrea Conforti	Bonnie Santos
Tammi Hipolito*	Carla Ceurvals	Michelle George
Kathleen Murphy	Suzanne Richard	Dawn Viera
Amanda Emond	Donna Kjellman	Susan Murphy
Naydine Rock	Gayle Woodward	Elaine MacTavish
Elizabeth Martin	Christine Medeiros	Donna Quaglia
Brenda Daday	Deborah Titus	Stephanie Cabral*
Lorie Decresenzo*	Janet Lopez*	Laura Ouellette
Dawn Parente*	Courtney Texieira*	Andy Greenwood
Kerri Brex	Melissa Macedo	Christine Jackson
Karen Santos	Gabriella Farias	Colleen Phalen
Lisa Souza	Shari Perlini	Ann McLean**

* Half-time at Palmer River Elementary School

* Half-time at Beckwith Middle School

CUSTODIANS (in alphabetical order)

Jacques Alves (Head Custodian - Dighton Elementary School)

Gabriel Faria - Dighton Elementary School (shift is split 1/2 time with Dighton Middle School)

Gilbert Valesquez - Dighton Elementary School

Michael Venditto - Dighton Elementary School

David Arruda (Head Custodian - Dighton Middle School)

Joe Borges - Dighton Middle School

Gabriel Farias - Dighton Middle School (shift is split 1/2 time with Dighton Elementary School)

Christian Fredericks - Dighton Middle School

Damien Preston - Dighton Middle School

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The 2006~2007 school year was a challenging, yet significant time for the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional Schools. The school district continued to make gains toward completing many of the goals developed through the District's Strategic Plan, but financial constraints inhibited many efforts. With the collaboration and cooperation of the School Committee, administrators, teachers, parents, and students, the Superintendent was able to provide the necessary leadership to attempt to restore the reputation for excellence that the Dighton~Rehoboth Regional School District has well merited over the years.

BUDGET

The most complex, time consuming, and difficult issue facing the Superintendent has been the uncertain nature of the budget and state funding. Although the Superintendent's budget reflected minimal, increased resources; mandated increases in areas such as health insurance, salaries, retirement benefits, energy, transportation, and special education increased the FY '08 budget by over 3 million dollars. Throughout the year, this financial dilemma necessitated that the Superintendent present various budget reduction scenarios, and continuously keep the School Committee and citizens of both towns informed of local and state updated information.

PERSONNEL

Michael Cichon was appointed as the new Principal of Dighton Middle School, replacing Paul Swett, who retired. Michael was the previous Assistant principal at the high school

Jonathan Evans replaced Michael Cichon as the new Assistant Principal of DRRHS. Jonathan was previously a high school English and Math teacher in Carver, MA.

As a cost-savings measure, the position of district-wide Technology Director was eliminated, and the duties and responsibilities were dispersed to other staff members.

CURRICULUM

Curriculum revision was a primary area for modification during the year. The school district devoted considerable attention to the area of curriculum, specifically in relation to English/Language Arts, mathematics, and History/Social Studies. These curriculum committees met throughout the year and presented specific recommendations to teachers regarding instructional strategies, textbooks, and materials.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The school district received a commendable evaluation of the Special Education Department as part of a MA Department of Education (DOE) audit conducted during the 2006~2007 school year. A comprehensive variety of program offerings provides special needs students with considerable differentiated instruction according to their abilities. The expansion of inclusionary programs within the district also helps contain the excessive costs of out-of-district tuition and transportation placements, and provides services in the student's home school.

MCAS

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) has become the major assessment tool to evaluate the extent to which students have mastered the curriculum frameworks. Results from the Class of 2007 were returned reflecting high percentages in the proficient and advanced categories. Remedial activities were provided for all students who experi-

enced difficulty in that assessment process. Teacher teams analyzed the results, and identified areas within the curriculum that need reinforcement.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional development activities focused on analyzing individual student strengths and weaknesses on MCAS, developing modified instructional procedures for students with diverse learning styles, as well as incorporating Instructional Technology into the classroom.

COMMUNICATION

Throughout the 2006~2007 school year, major efforts were made to keep citizens informed of student and staff activities, as well as the wide variety of school and extra curricular offerings. The School Committee continued to stress this area through the work of the Communications Subcommittee.

TECHNOLOGY

The Director of Technology position was eliminated due to budget constraints. Duties of this position were distributed internally to the Assistant Superintendent and Business Administrator. Implementation of X2, the district's school management software, continued to be the central focus of the technology effort. The implementation of the Educator Personnel Information System (EPIMS)/X2 interface will be finished in January of 2008. Scheduling of the middle and elementary schools, production of report cards, and the automation of Individual Education Plans (IEPs) are the next phases of the X2 implementation.

Purchases of computers with year-end funds and funds provided by the Special Rehoboth Town Meeting, helped to up-grade the existing computer inventory.

An on-line, point-of-sale system was installed in the food services area (Chartwells). This equipment provides for better inventory control, recording of sales and analysis of product lines, and improvements in overall reporting.

FACILITIES

Dighton~Rehoboth Regional High School: Planning for the replacement of the forty-two (42) year-old sewage treatment plant with a filtration/leach field installation was the central maintenance focus at the high school. Grant and loan applications have been made to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and the MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Work is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2008.

To comply with the local fire codes, fire officials requested projects to vent the electrical closets and to change the power supplies to the fire alarm system. All projects were undertaken and completed.

Rehoboth Campus: A settling tank will be installed in the spring of 2008 to improve the de-nitrification process of the campus' sewage treatment system.

Dighton Elementary School: Further brick re-pointing of the original building and chimney were done during the summer of 2007. Two (2) sections remain to be re-pointed, and are scheduled for the summers of 2008 and 2009.

A study of the heating system was undertaken, and forms the basis of future, scheduled repair/ replacement work.

Dighton Middle School: The second phase of re-carpeting rooms at the school was performed this past summer, as well as the replacement of toilet partitions and sink units. The library air-conditioning condenser was relocated from the school's roof to ground level, to facilitate better maintenance.

CONCLUSION

As your Superintendent of Schools, it continues to be a privilege to work collaboratively with all of the various constituencies in both towns.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis J. Connor, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

I am pleased to submit the annual report of Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School for the calendar year ending December 31, 2007.

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IA. Personnel Changes:

New Additions/Changes:

Administration

Mr. Jonathan Evans was hired as a new Assistant Principal.

English Department

Ms. Maryann Rodrigues, Mr. Alfred Boutin, and Ms. Claudia Corey were hired as teachers. Ms. Bethany DeMoura was hired as the Writing Lab Assistant.

Guidance Department

Ms. Linda Neault and Mr. Larry Dulac were hired as full-time Guidance Counselors; Ms. Jacqueline Tremblett was hired as a full-time counselor from her part-time Guidance Counselor position.

Mathematics Department

Ms. Jenna Rozzero, Mr. Paul Flaherty, Mr. Jarrod Gorman, Mr. James Ascoli and Mr. Kristopher Olson were hired as teachers within the Mathematics Department. Ms. Kathleen Chase was hired as a long-term substitute teacher for Ms. Joanna Braga, who is on maternity leave.

Social Studies Department

Mr. Kevin Braga was hired as a teacher within the Social Studies Department.

Special Education Department

Ms. Angela Pimento and Mr. Christian LaSalle were hired as teachers within the Special Education Department. Mr. Ken O'Leary was hired as the teacher of the School-Within-a-School Program.

Foreign Language Department

Ms. Jennifer Brakefield and Ms. Donna Gifun were hired as teachers within the Foreign Language Department.

Business Education

Ms. Anita Lamoureux and Ms. Colleen Hall were hired as teachers within the Business Department. Mr. Michael Tetreault was hired as the Business Lab Technology Assistant.

Vocational

Mr. Joseph Negro was hired as a teacher within the Vocational School. Ms. Cheryl Tella's Child Care position was changed from a part-time to a full-time position.

IB. Retirees and Resignations:

Retirees

- Mr. Jeffrey Day retired from the English Department, after thirty (30) years of dedicated service.
- Ms. Theresa Murphy retired from the Business Department after thirty-five (35) years of service at the high school.
- Mr. Donald Murray retired from the Business Department after thirty (30) years of service to Dighton-Rehoboth.
- Mr. Edwin Ranney retired from the Vocational Department after thirty-five (35) years of dedication to D-R.

Resignations

- Ms. Karyn Clifford resigned her Guidance position to accept a position at another school.
- Ms. Tracy Kaczynski resigned her Guidance position to accept a position at another school.
- Ms. Theary Procaccini resigned her English position to spend time at home with her young children.
- Ms. Julie Sunderland resigned her Mathematics position to accept a position at another school.
- Ms. Denise Campbell resigned her Mathematics position to accept a position at another school.
- Mr. Kurt Amber resigned his Mathematics position to accept a position at another school.
- Ms. Pat Messier resigned her position as School Nurse to pursue other professional opportunities.
- Ms. Colleen Hall resigned her position as Business Lab Assistant to become a teacher in the Business Department.
- Ms. Elizabeth Conley resigned her Foreign Language position to accept a position at another school.
- Ms. Melissa Leite resigned her position as English Writing Lab Assistant to pursue a teaching position at another school.
- Mr. Jeffrey Sousa resigned his Instructional Learning Assistant position.
- Mr. Ryan Murphy resigned his Instructional Learning Assistant position.
- Mr. Michael Cichon resigned his Assistant Principal position to assume the Principal's role at Dighton Middle School.

II. Academic and Co-curricular Highlights

Beginning last spring, several members of the high school staff were trained in nonviolent crisis prevention, through the program offered by the Crisis Prevention Institute. In addition to the district Assistant Superintendent, Maryann DeMello, Michael Rubin, Assistant Prin-

cial, and Steve Kulpa, Special Education Instructor, are certified instructors, and 25 members of the staff have now been certified through this program.

The Business Department reports two (2) changes to its curriculum this year. The Desktop Publishing course has been reinstituted after an increase in student enrollment, and the You and the Law course was changed from level 3 (general) to a level 2 (college prep). The Marketing Program received a number of awards this past year. Mr. Murray received the DECA Advisor of the Year Award. At the District 1 DECA Conference, five (5) students received awards for placing 2nd through 5th in Accounting, Marketing, Restaurant Management and Role Playing. At the State DECA Conference, a number of students were recognized as finalists in Fashion Merchandising Promotion, Entrepreneurship Written Project and Independent Business Plan, as well as Special Achievement Awards, and at the International DECA Conference Rachel Horsman and Casey Bernacchio received an achievement award with their Entrepreneurship Promotion Plan.

The English Department reports several achievements from the past year. The Drama Club presented a production of *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* for the senior class in the spring. The Theatre Company presented *Singing in the Rain* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, presenting a preview performance of a *Midsummer Night's Dream* to selected English classes. The Drama Workshop class presented a show comprised of monologues for other students in the school.

Department members were active in terms of professional development. Ellen O'Reilly LaSalle attended a "Software Savvy" workshop, and a workshop entitled "The Best Young Adult Books of the Last Decade and How to Use Them" in the Classroom. Ann Siachos completed three (3) classes @ Rhode Island College: Skillful Teaching, Writing and Critical Literacy, and Inquiry Into Classroom Practice.

Claudia Corey attended the Lexia Workshop on reading software. Bill Cuthbertson completed the course, Observing and Analyzing Teaching-I, at Research for Better Teaching, and Jeremy Morrison completed Understanding Teaching I, offered by Research for Better Teaching.

English teachers also worked with other departments in the school as Kurt Loell coordinated the display of a wide-range of English Department student projects with the Art Department for the Art Show. Heather Rose presented a professional development workshop on "pod casting" @ Dighton-Rehoboth High School.

In terms of English curricular advancement, thirty (30) new computers were installed in the writing lab. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* was added to the 10 Honors curriculum. *The House on Mango Street* was added to the Exploring Literature and Language curriculum.

The Business Department reports the addition of a Marketing Exploratory Course, which is open to freshmen and is now part of the Vocational Exploratory Program. Mrs. Lamoureux has also opened up the Co-Curricular DECA club membership to Business students who are enrolled in Accounting, Introduction to Business, Money Management, or You and the Law.

Last spring (June 2007), Mrs. Hayes took fifteen (15) juniors who were enrolled in an advanced computer course, to the Bristol Community College Tech Fair. The focus of the Tech Fair was for high school juniors to get an idea of the various computer programs offered at BCC, and give them a head start at looking into the process of finding the right school for them.

Also last spring and this fall, Mrs. Madsen had the opportunity to take her You and the Law Classes to the Bristol County Correctional Center. This field trip is always a great opportunity for our kids to see first hand what it is like for individuals in our community to be incarcerated. It is also an opportunity for them to talk with individuals who work in the prison and find out about careers in our corrections system.

Currently, the Business/Technology Department is working with the Vocational Department to develop an Office Technology Program for the students of D-R. With some minor changes to our current program, we will be able to offer kids an option which would allow them to gain valuable skills and experience earning a certificate of mastery in Office Technology, along with providing them the opportunity to earn college credits for the successful completion of specific courses. This program is slated to appear in the 2008–2009 Course Selection Book.

Mrs. Lamoureux and her Marketing students have been very busy since September 2007, refurbishing CROSSROADS (The School Store) — and are continuously working on refining and enhancing the look, environment, and store inventory.

Three junior marketing/DECA members attended the NARCON (North Atlantic Regional Leadership Conference) for a full day of leadership training through DECA in Boston, MA (November 2007). The intent of the trip was to help to develop these individuals as returning senior leaders to expand the DECA club at D-R next year. Each student received a certificate of participation from National DECA.

Under the direction of Don Murray this past spring, three (3) teams of marketing students placed at the State DECA Conference, which allowed them to attend the International DECA Conference, held in Florida. An outstanding job was done by all students.

In the Social Studies Department, members participated in a wide variety of development workshops. Several department members served as faculty mentors and worked with faculty on several projects, facilitating the “Faculty Book Club”, “New Teacher Handbook Committee”, “Tech-Savvy Workshop”, and professional development workshops on web design and X2 software. Teachers also conducted a field trip to the Massachusetts State House; participated in a Teaching American History Consortium at Bristol Community College and Vision of the High School of the Future workshop; and studied at the Advanced Placement Institute for United States History. The department includes the moderator of the town of Rehoboth and members who participated in the Massachusetts Council of Social Studies Teachers convention, Massachusetts Student Government Day, and the Mock U.S. Senate at Bridgewater State College.

The Math Department decided on a new Algebra I text to be used beginning 2007-2008, which will provide more exposure to open response questions and a better flow from topic-to-topic, and is, overall, more up-to-date. The department also changed the MCAS prep course from a ‘semester-minor’ to a ‘full-year minor’ for 2007-2008, based upon additional need.

The Science Department reports that twenty-two (22) students took the AP Chemistry examination, and twelve (12) students took the AP examination in Physics. Jamie Conlon received the Science Department award for 2006-2007. An active and involved member of Project HOPE, Jamie took five (5) years of Science and is studying nursing at college. The Project HOPE/Science club had another successful year. The group, led by Jeff Anderson, heightened global warming awareness through two (2) projects: the first was the showing of Al Gore’s film, *An Inconvenient Truth*, and the second was a guest speaker that came in and spoke with students about their “Carbon Footprint” upon the world.

In terms of MCAS scores for Science, all students that took the examination in Chemistry as 9th graders, the first class required to pass a Science examination for graduation, did so.

Steve Lovejoy participated in a Stream Ecology course at Bridgewater State College this summer. Steve used what he learned and took his Environmental students on a field trip to two (2) sites along the Palmer River. Students used equipment from Bridgewater State College to collect live data on the river and report the data back to the college, which was presented at a symposium of college students and professors in December 2007.

Donna Moreira continued working on her education courses and also rewrote the sophomore Biology curriculum this summer. Both Donna and Cindy McCabe participated in the **BioTeach** program, spending three (3) days at the Boston Museum of Science learning new lab procedures and experiments that students now perform in the classroom. As part of the **BioTeach** program, the Mobile Lab visited DRRHS for a week. This allowed each of our Biology students to participate, hands-on, in a real laboratory in which they extracted the hemoglobin protein from several individuals, and analyzed the protein for the presence of sickle cell anemia. The third part of the **BioTeach** program earned the school a grant to purchase equipment that will allow us to continue performing these lab experiments in our own classrooms.

Linda DuBois and Cindy McCabe traveled to Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah to travel along and study the chemistry, ecology and geology of the Green River. As part of the course, they visited Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and Dinosaur Monument National Park, as well as some additional, historical sites along the way. They spent nine (9) days camping along, canoeing and white-water rafting in the Green River—all the time collecting data that was reported back to the National Park system, as well as State Parks, and USGS.

Cindy Bergeron and Maureen Courcy will act as senior class advisors and are already planning fundraisers, as well as winter ball and prom dates, for the class of 2008.

The Art Department reports an extremely productive year. Several students participated in the Scholastic Art Awards Show, earning awards at the regional, state and national level. At the Scholastic Art Awards of *The Boston Globe*, the state's most prestigious Art Show, ten (10) students were honored: James Burkhart, Silver Key and Gold Key; Colin Gillerman, Silver Key; Sarah Gingras, Silver Key; Sarah Grealish, Honorable Mention; Sarah Rollins, Honorable Mention; Andrew Smith, Honorable Mention; Patrick Treacy, Silver Key; Christie Vincelette, Silver Key; Emily Williams, Honorable Mention; Ling Zhou, Gold Key.

The Art Department sponsored the annual D-R Arts Night, and engaged in several community service projects, including sign painting for the First Baptist Church in Dighton, pottery firing for the Girl Scouts, and painting windows at the Dighton Town Hall. The first students took the AP test in Art History, and the department now occupies a Macintosh computer lab utilized by the digital photography and Photoshop classes. The department also completed a project in which students painted portraits of young orphans from third-world countries. In terms of teacher achievement, Mr. Davis and Ms. Tache served as instructors during the full-day/in-service day, instructing fellow faculty members in Photoshop and PowerPoint techniques. Finally, the Art Department, which now has three (3) full-time art teachers for the first time in school history, presented some of its work to the School Committee in the spring of 2007.

The National Honor Society inducted thirty-five (35) new members into the James Frates Chapter during the high school induction ceremonies held on November 29, 2007 at the Venus de Milo restaurant.

Ms. Voccio reported a strong year from the Music Department. In addition to the annual spring and winter concerts, students were selected to participate in the junior and senior Southeast Massachusetts School Bandmasters Association concerts, the Junior and Senior Festivals of the Massachusetts Music Educators' Association, the Music Institute at Rhode Island College, and the Providence College Festival Band. Individual students performed in the Southeastern Massachusetts Wind Symphony, the Massachusetts Lions All-State Band, and the Summer Youth Music School at the University of New Hampshire. The Pro Musica Select Choir performed at the Tri-County Choral Festival, a Providence Bruins home game, the American Auto Auction with the Flute Ensemble, and the Heritage Museum and Gardens Festival of Lights with the Jazz Band, which also performed at the Rehoboth Lions Club Awards Banquet and the Dighton Lions Arts Festival. All of these events came in addition to the open mike nights sponsored both in the spring and fall.

The Foreign Language Department reports that the department was involved in several endeavors, including travel abroad to France, Italy, Portugal and Spain. The Spanish Club held several outings to ethnic restaurants for cultural experiences. The French Club's trip to Providence to the John Brown House and a French restaurant was also well-attended, and department teachers continued professional development with a variety of courses and language workshops attended.

Peer leaders volunteered to spend the first week of the school year in freshman homerooms, to aid in the orientation of students to the high school. The high school has also continued its newsletter, sent through email addresses, highlighting current and future events.

The Guidance Department completed a learning styles inventory for all ninth grade students, which was the result of a goal set by the School Council. As the year draws to a close, our Guidance Department, Vocational Department, and administration are working together on articulating a process by which eighth-graders can become better equipped for entering high school, and by which the transition from middle to high school can be shaped more easily.

III. Athletic Accomplishments

Finally, Dighton-Rehoboth earned the overall championship for athletics in the South Coast Conference, compiling the highest overall winning percentage among the nine (9) SCC schools. Highlights included championships in boys cross country, girls' soccer, boys' spring track, and softball. Several teams, including those named above, earned berths in the state tournament: field hockey, girls' basketball, boys' soccer, girls' tennis, and baseball. Three (3) members of the boys track team, Zachary Stebbings, Mitchell Giroux, and Jared Torres won the State Championship in the decathlon, with Torres winning the individual championship. Sophomore Ashley Noons set a new state record for freshmen/sophomore females in the shot put, and the shot put relay team of Noons, Jessica Edmonds and Nina Nwachukwu won a state championship. Kelsey Mahoney of the girls' soccer team earned All-Scholastic honors, and Keith Rose of the boys' soccer team was named an Eastern Massachusetts All-Star.

Tiffany Pacheco and Heather Camara were honored at the end-of-year banquet as female Athletes of the Year, and Jared Torres was named the male athlete of the year.

Several coaches earned Coach of the Year honors by local newspapers, including Roberta Cordeiro (field hockey), David Marsden (boys' spring track), Jon Pacheco (girls' basketball), and Ben Pease (boys' cross country), and Mike Rubin (boys' winter track and girls' spring track).

IV. Enrollment Statistics

As of December 01, 2007, there were 1,057 students enrolled at the high school, a decrease of approximately thirty (30) students from the previous year's enrollment. The towns' breakdown is as follows: 426 students (40.3%) from Dighton and 631 students (59.7%) from Rehoboth. This represents no significant change from the 2006 student enrollment statistics.

Listed below are the individual student class distributions from each of the two (2) towns.

<u>Class of</u>	<u>(Dighton)</u>			<u>(Rehoboth)</u>		
	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	41	67	108	53	101	154
2009	47	77	124	60	75	135
2010	53	103	156	62	63	125
2011	61	61	122	49	84	133
Class of 2007 – 2 males returning						

Total Students Enrolled – 1057

Total Females Enrolled – 510 (48.25%)

Total Males Enrolled - 547 (51.75%)

V. Class of 2007

The class of 2007 had 246 members of the class graduate in June. With one exception, all students in the class of 2007 successfully passed the MCAS examination. Of the 246 members of the class who graduated in June, 67% planned on attending a four-year college or university; 17% planned on attending a two-year community college; 3% were enrolling in trade or technical school; 1% entered the military; 10% directly entered the workforce; and 2% listed no specific plans.

James Oakley was named the Robert T. Roy Medal winner, and also served as class valedictorian. David Oakley served as class salutatorian.

Superior academic awards were presented to sixty-eight (68) members of the class of 2007, and several members of the class were recognized for perfect attendance throughout their high school years.

The Citizens Scholarship Foundation awarded 127 scholarships to members of the senior class attending institutions of higher learning. These awards totaled \$ 71,900.00.

VI. Standardized Test Results

A. 2007 SAT 1: Reasoning Test (Mean Scores)

<u>SAT I</u>	<u>DRRHS</u>	<u>Massachusetts</u>	<u>United States</u>
Verbal Reading/Writing	520/509	513/511	502/494
Mathematics	515	522	515

B. 2007 Advanced Placement Scores

<u>Score</u>	<u>English Lit.&Comp.</u>	<u>Art History</u>	<u>Calculus AB</u>	<u>Chemistry</u>	<u>Physics C Mechanics</u>	<u>European History</u>
5	8		9	10		3
4	4	2	4	5	4	7
3	5	1	2	7	5	9
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Totals	17	4	15	22	12	22

A total of 92 tests were taken in the class of 2007.

Of those, 32.6% scored a 5; 28.3% scored a 4; 31.5% scored a 3; and 7.6% scored a 2.

C. MCAS Scores:

Beginning in 2003, the state no longer provided average scaled scores for MCAS results. The statistics for 2007 reflect the percentage of students in the current junior class who have passed the MCAS exam.

Students in the current sophomore class, the class of 2010, will be obligated to pass an MCAS examination in Science, in addition to Mathematics and ELA. We are but one year away from Social Studies/History being required as well.

Additionally, all students will be required to either score "Proficient" or "Advanced" on the ELA and Mathematics MCAS, or complete an Educational Proficiency Plan demonstrating how those students achieved mastery, in lieu of a proficient test score of 240. In most cases, the plan must provide a stipulation for four (4) years of Mathematics, up to successful completion of Algebra II.

Further, the potential implications of a core curriculum that requires all students to complete multiple years of Foreign Language study, four (4) years of Mathematics, four (4) years of Science, and two (2) years of Arts/Applied Arts, will impact how we build our schedule, hire teachers, and fund education at the high school.

Students from the Class of 2009 took the spring 2007 MCAS Tests with the following results:

1. English/Language Arts:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Failed</u>	<u>Needs Improvement</u>	<u>Proficient</u>	<u>Advanced</u>
<i>Raw Score</i>	0-34	35-50	51-62	63-72
<i>Scaled Score</i>	200-218	220-238	240-258	260-280
<i>Students</i>	13	51	137	58

2. Mathematics:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Failed</u>	<u>Needs Improvement</u>	<u>Proficient</u>	<u>Advanced</u>
<i>Raw Score</i>	0-19	20-32	33-44	45-60
<i>Scaled Score</i>	200-218	220-238	240-258	260-280
<i>Students</i>	32	48	83	96

VII. School and Community Involvement:

Under the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993, School Councils were formed for every school in the Commonwealth. The following individuals have volunteered their services as members of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School's School Council for the 2006-2007 school year.

Gail Van Buren	Principal
Howard Horsman	School Committee Representative
Paul Giannakoulis	Dighton Community Representative
Fred Sussman	Rehoboth Community
Jean Bezner	Dighton Parent
Deborah Howland	Dighton Parent
Henry Hayes	Rehoboth Parent
Kim Peranzi	Rehoboth Parent
David Sherry	Rehoboth Parent
F. Leon Sibielski	Teacher Representative
David Moura	Teacher Representative
John Greenlees	Teacher Representative
David Driscoll	Teacher Representative

School Council initiatives include an increased emphasis on improving student performance through a Learning Styles Inventory and improving student-teacher face time. Members of the School Council helped drive: Student Handbook changes that included a tighter attendance policy that reduces credits based on the amount of time a student misses; increased student accountability for tardiness; and improvements to the dress code and overall student behavior code. The School Council initiatives support the necessity of student-teacher contact and improved time-on-learning as the stakes of MCAS and state proficiency requirements increase.

VIII. New England Association of School and Colleges (NEASC):

In October of 2003, Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School was the subject of an accreditation visit from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). A volunteer team of fourteen (14) practicing educators from throughout the New England area spent four (4) days visiting and evaluating the high school. This team spent many hours interviewing stakeholders, observing classes and activities, and evaluating all aspects of the high school's curriculum and various programs.

In May of 2004, the NEASC Visiting Team released its report with a number of written commendations and recommendations. Examples of commended areas include: the high expectations for students and staff; the dedication of the teaching staff; the professional relationship between the school committee; the central office; and the high school administration. Examples of recommendations included a recommendation to explain the school's process of assessing all student achievement of the academic expectations in the mission statement by using school-wide rubrics, a recommendation to develop a formal plan of integrating curriculum across curriculum areas and the recommendation to provide an adequate funding stream to support teaching and learning at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School.

The final step of the process has been the completion of the Two-Year Progress Report submitted in January of 2006. In this report, the school indicated the status of all recommendations in the school's evaluation report. In addition, a brief description of the action that has been taken on each valid recommendation in the evaluation report, as well as anticipated dates of completion, will be included within this report.

We are very pleased to report that the Commission responded favorably to our Two-Year Progress Report, and voted to continue the school's accreditation.

The Commission cited D-R on many of its accomplishments including, but not limited to:

- The posting of the mission statement throughout the school
- Increasing student access to Vocational Education opportunities
- Authentic assessment in core subjects
- Revision of curriculum to emphasize depth over breadth
- Focus on the use of technology
- Professional development that focuses on differentiated instruction and assessment
- Review of the current school schedule
- Establishing new lines of communication
- Initiatives planned to personalize educational experiences
- Increased funding for technology

All accredited schools are asked to submit a Five-Year Report, in the case of Dighton-Rehoboth, that will be in March of 2008. Our school has engaged in a self-study to discuss how the school has addressed those areas of need cited by the original report, and the ensuing follow-up reports. Many of these suggestions will require special reports to be filed by the administration of the high school.

IX. Concluding Remarks:

As I compose and conclude my remarks for the Annual Report for the high school, it is clear that our school, like many others in the Commonwealth, will face higher stakes and higher standards as we move forward. The State is moving toward core requirements that will trump our existing standards, which will impact hiring and could force us to hire more teachers and change our graduation requirements to suit the state's recommendations. MCAS and the requirement of "proficiency" for all students in Mathematics and Science will result in higher enrollments in advanced Mathematics classes, as all students will soon be required to demonstrate "proficiency" at least at the level of Algebra II. Our students will be required to spend even more time-on-task in order to keep pace with the competitive dynamic of a global economy, and to position themselves appropriately for seats in college freshmen classes or places of employment.

In sum, Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School must continue to look forward and adapt to the changing stakes and standards that we are mandated to follow. We must look at ways to address the needs of all learners, not only those on the extremes of the achievement spectrum. Finally, we must continue to utilize our resources carefully and efficiently, but we must provide the updated textbooks and learning materials, ample opportunities for professional development, utilization of technology and the constant improvement of technological resources, and smaller class sizes to improve student-to-teacher ratios. To do otherwise, short-changes our students and their entry into a competitive, global economy, workforce and university/college community.

Clearly, goals for the high school focus on student-teacher contact and student time-on-learning. To achieve these ends, schedule changes, a variety of learning blocks, and potential schedule rotations will be investigated, as will investigating increased scheduling options for students requiring additional remediation and coursework toward educational proficiency in all subjects.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Van Buren, Principal
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School

DIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

I hereby submit my first annual report as principal of the Dighton Middle School, for the calendar year ending December 31, 2007.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Paul N. Swett, Dighton Middle School Principal, retired after twenty (20) years of service to the Dighton Community.

Mr. Louis Silvia retired after a long career as the Seventh Grade Math teacher at Dighton Middle School. He will be fondly remembered by staff and students.

Mrs. Mary Machado retired after many years as the Grade Eight Math teacher. She will also be fondly remembered by staff and students.

Ms. Christine Panarese resigned her position as Math Curriculum Specialist to take a position in another school district.

Ms. Alison Berenback resigned as Grade Seven Science teacher to relocate to another part of the state.

Ms. Heather Rutko transferred from Grade Five Reading, to the Dighton Elementary School to teach Grade 3.

Mr. Robert Baker, Grade 5 Instructional Learning Assistant, resigned to take a teaching position in another district.

Ms. Joanne Reuther resigned from her position as Technology Instructional Learning Assistant.

Mr. Michael Cichon was hired to fill the position of Dighton Middle School Principal. Mr. Cichon previously taught at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School (for twenty-two [22] years), and then advanced to Assistant Principal for another two (2) years.

Mrs. Amanda Ferreira was hired as the Grade 7 Math teacher. She holds a Bachelors Degree from Bridgewater State College.

Mr. David Lancaster was hired as the Grade 8 Math teacher. He holds a Bachelors and a Masters Degree from Rhode Island College.

Mrs. Dawnne Steele was hired as the Remedial Math teacher. She holds a Bachelors Degree from Northeastern University.

Ms. Bethany Gauvin was hired as the Grade 5 Reading teacher. She holds a Bachelor Degree and is currently working towards her Masters Degree from Rhode Island College.

Ms. Carol Richard was hired as the Grade 7 Science teacher. She holds a Masters Degree from Rhode Island College.

Mrs. Ana Monteiro was hired as the Grade 7 Foreign Language teacher, for a one-year leave of absence position.

Susan Gaska was hired as the Math Curriculum Coordinator for grade K-8. She holds a Bachelors Degree from Buffalo State.

Christine Jackson transferred from Beckwith Middle School. She is the new Technology ILA for DMS.

Kerry Brex was hired as an aide in the fifth grade classrooms.

Colleen Phalen was hired as a One-on-One aide in Special Education.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

At the June 2007 eighth grade graduation, the following students were selected as major award winners:

- Principal’s Award – Sarah Harris
- Outstanding Student – Gregory Gelzinis
- Leo T. Wontkowski Award – Colin Hoye, Jenna Lahousse
- Carolyn M. Booth Award – Deryn Copeland
- NELMS Scholar-Leader Award – Gregory Gelzinis, Lauren Medeiros
- Judith Parker Marcy Award – Jonathan Gray

The following students were recipients of the Presidential Academic Fitness award:

Conner Amaral, Ryan Bettencourt, Bianca Cabral, Maia Conlon, Deryn Copeland, Alexandra Correia, Katherine deMelo, Brian Domanoski, Kara Fortier, Gregory Gelzinis, Jonathan Gray, Brian Houle, Colin Hoye, Arianna Jefferson, Molly Keegan, Sara Lorenz, Nicole Lynch, Samantha McCracken, Jacob Medeiros, Lauren Medeiros ,Andrea Ullrich ,Courtney Woodward, Erika Adams, Robert Burns, Rachelle Lemay, Gina Mainella, Meaghan Medeiros, Patrick Walsh, Rebecca Woodard.

SPELLING TEAM - The DMS Spelling Team took first place at the fall and spring Spelling Meet - under the direction of their advisor, Mrs. Warren.

PROJECT INVENTION TEAM – The Project Invention team received the Most Creative Trophy at the convention at Bridgewater State College.

STATE TESTING

		GRADE 8			
<u>Subject</u>		<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Proficient</u>	<u>Needs Improvement</u>	<u>Warning</u>
Math	DMS	21%	19%	36%	24%
	State	17%	28%	30%	25%
ELA	DMS	18%	67%	13%	3%
	State	12%	63%	18%	6%
Science	DMS	1%	35%	51%	12%
	State	3%	30%	44%	24%

		GRADE 7			
<u>Subject</u>		<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Proficient</u>	<u>Needs Improvement</u>	<u>Warning</u>
Math	DMS	10%	28%	41%	21%
	State	15%	31%	30%	24%
ELA	DMS	4%	70%	26%	1%
	State	9%	60%	23%	8%

		GRADE 6			
<u>Subject</u>		<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Proficient</u>	<u>Needs Improvement</u>	<u>Warning</u>
Math	DMS	17%	38%	29%	14%
	State	20%	32%	28%	20%
ELA	DMS	5%	71%	20%	4%
	State	9%	58%	25%	7%

		GRADE 5			
<u>Subject</u>		<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Proficient</u>	<u>Needs Improvement</u>	<u>Warning</u>
Math	DMS	15%	48%	28%	9%
	State	17%	28%	33%	21%
ELA	DMS	9%	48%	33%	10%
	State	15%	48%	28%	9%
Science	DMS	7%	37%	46%	10%
	State	14%	37%	37%	12%

STAFF HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations were in order for two (2) staff members at the end of the last school year. Mr. Robert Baker was honored by his colleagues as the “Teacher of the Year”, and Mrs. Mary Machado, received the “Student Appreciation Award” given each year at graduation to a valued member of the school community.

ENROLLMENT

The total enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year is 459 students. In Grade 5 there are 50 females and 57 males; in Grade 6 there are 41 females and 60 males; in Grade 7 there are 69 females and 48 males and in Grade 8 there are 61 females and 73 males. We had twenty-seven (27) new students enroll for this school year from other districts, and six (6) students withdraw.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A sense of community spirit continues to shine brightly at DMS this year. Much thanks to the PTO for their continued support.

ACTIVE COMMITTEES

Random Acts of Kindness - This program recognizes students for the “good” they do

Pay It Forward - Based on the hit movie of the same name: one good deed is repaid by performing three other good deeds.

These programs are a continuation of the school’s efforts to implement an Anti-Bullying Campaign across all grade levels.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

The Math teachers are currently piloting a new Math program in Grade 5 and Grade 8. Ready to begin their chore of reviewing and revising their program this year is the History Task Force and the Science Task Force. Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 will incorporate a separate weekly ELA and Math MCAS review to better prepare and expose our students to the question formats and the grading rubrics that are used to evaluate MCAS performance.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

It has been my distinct privilege to serve as Dighton Middle School's Principal for the 2007-2008 school year. My focus this year has been to expand upon the vision of Dighton Middle School: "To be a school recognized for academic excellence as well as successful reinforcement of values".

To that end, my focus at the beginning of the school year was to put into place a series of faculty guided groups, which would recognize students for all the good that they do each day. Our "Random Acts of Kindness" Program, "Pay it Forward" Program, and a continued focus on an Anti-Bullying and Harassment Program. Each of these groups has a monthly commitment to keep these ideas in their thoughts as well as infuse these ideas into the school's culture. The faculty and staff have developed seminars as well as have participated in many community involvement and community service events to act as role models for our students to identify with.

As we begin to move through November and into December, academically we have refocused our energies in preparing our students to increase their academic performance on MCAS. Besides our teachers providing opportunities in their classrooms on a daily basis, each grade level team (5-8) has committed to developing a special MCAS focus one (1) period per week to work on strategies to prepare our students for ELA and Math question and answer techniques. Dighton Middle School teachers are continually trying to find new ways to introduce our students to the nuances, vocabulary, as well as grading rubrics, which are used to evaluate their performances. In short, we are doing everything we possibly can to have our students as prepared as possible for MCAS.

In conclusion, I hope the adage I have constantly made you aware of: "To be involved and stay involved in your child's education" is something you will treasure. I'm sure if you follow its simple idea, it will pay you, as well as your child, huge dividends later in life.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cichon, Principal
Dighton Middle School

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

I hereby submit my Annual Report as Principal of the Dighton Elementary School, for the calendar year ending December 31, 2007. Dighton Elementary School is a fully- integrated school from Pre-School through Grade 4.

PERSONNEL

Deena Bellavance is our new **Kindergarten** teacher, replacing Dr. Marlene Correa who resigned to join the faculty at Framingham State College. Mrs. Bellavance has nine (9) years of teaching experience in the Somerset School system. She is certified in Early Childhood Education, as well as Special Education. She currently has 30 credits beyond her Bachelor's Degree. She has completed the Skillful Teacher course and the Wilson Overview.

Alaina Driscoll joins us as a **Third Grade Special Education** teacher. Miss Driscoll has completed a Master's Program, and this will be her first year teaching. She has previously substituted at DES, and was frequently requested by the staff. She is a familiar face to many of the staff members and students. Her certifications are in Elementary Education and Special Education.

Lisa Perry is replacing Cheryl Szostek (retired) as a **First Grade** teacher. Mrs. Perry has completed a Master's program and is a certified Early Childhood/Special Education teacher. This will be her first year teaching, following a career in banking. Mrs. Perry's student teaching took place in one of our Kindergarten classrooms last year, and it was highly successful. Many of the students who shared that experience with her will be her First Grade students.

Heather Rutko will take over the **Third Grade** classroom, vacated by the retired Donna Sunderland. Miss Rutko formerly taught at DMS, and transferred to DES. She has completed her Master's Degree, and is certified in Elementary and Special Education. Miss Rutko was highly recommended by the former DMS Principal, Mr. Paul Swett. This is the fifth year of Miss Rutko's teaching career.

Susan Gaska has filled the position of **K – 8 Math Curriculum Specialist**. She has previous experience as a Math coach, is well versed in curriculum and analyzing data, and has teaching experience in elementary and middle schools. She is enrolled in a Master's Program for Curriculum with a Specialty in Mathematics.

Meghan Snee has been appointed to a **Second Grade** position replacing Maggie Slavet (resignation). Miss Snee taught a one-year Second Grade position last year. She is certified in Elementary Education and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Reading.

Debra Madera, a counselor at Community Counseling of Bristol County will be servicing DES students during our Adjustment Counselor Tiffany Martin's year-long leave of absence.

Andrea Castonguay is returning after maternity leave to take part in a Fourth Grade job-share with **Tracey Gustafson**, who will also continue her duties as a Title One teacher.

Stephanie Curtis will return to her position as a Second Grade teacher after a year's leave.

Zachary Waddicor will “loop” with his Second Grade students and become our fifth **Grade Three** teacher.

Brenda Daday returns to DES as a **1:1 Instructional Learning Assistant** after resigning to care for her child. She is a certified teacher enrolled in a Master’s Program.

Andrea Conforti joins us as a **part-time Instructional Learning Assistant** in a Grade Two classroom. Andrea has subbed at DES many times and has taken part in many courses offered for Para-Pros.

Melissa Macedo also joins us as a new **part-time Instructional Learning Assistant** for a Grade Two classroom. She is a certified teacher who has subbed throughout the school district.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMS

Title One Summer Math Camp:

The 2007 Title I Summer Math Program was developed using the guiding principal of incorporating Mathematics concepts and skills to foster student interest in project-based learning opportunities. DES hosted the camp for students from Dighton and Rehoboth: twenty-six (26) incoming Grade 3 and Grade 4 students took part in the five (5) week sessions.

DMS also hosted a Program for students entering Grades 5 – 8. Students attended a Monday through Thursday class schedule that commenced at 8:30 a.m. and ended at 12:00 p.m. Students participated in many project-based lessons and activities such as:

- Math Olympics & Ancient Math (measurement & estimation)
- Geometry of Bird Houses & Feeders (geometry)
- The Art of Symmetry
- Family Math and Vacation Spending (money, decimals, estimation)
- Grocery Store Math & Savings (money, estimation)
- Life Size Paper Dolls (measurement)

Each student participated in daily Math journaling and attended a technology-infused Math lesson each day.

Our Professional Development focus this year is a Standards-based curriculum. We have designed a Standards-based report card during the summer months and will refine it throughout the year with planned implementation in the fall of 2008.

The Funding Factory continues to support a number of technology initiatives. Area businesses and family supporters have donated their empty printer cartridges and cell phones which convert to cash for the school. An EDS Technology Grant allowed us to purchase another laptop, a computer cart, an interactive whiteboard, and a projector to allow more instructors to utilize technology to enhance their lessons. We were fortunate enough to receive \$1000 from Hannafords for having the most register receipts turned into the Taunton store.

We are continuing to implement a new Math curriculum (Math Investigations). It began in Kindergarten last year, and will continue into First Grade, with professional development being provided for these teachers throughout the year.

Summer Projects:

We were able to continue the brick re-pointing project this year, resulting in two-thirds of the building being completed.

We purchased Dell Computer laptops to create an additional mobile computer lab.

New signs have been purchased to replace those on Somerset Avenue and Center Street.

ACTIVE COMMITTEES:

Technology Committee – This group meets once a month to discuss concerns, plans, suggestions, and implementation of software and hardware components, and the plan for the upcoming school year.

Safety Committee – Ensures safety of students and staff by designing evacuation plans, a crisis team, and ensuring that regulations are maintained and implemented. This group meets six (6) times during the school year. The main focus this year is to design a “Lock Down Procedure”.

Faculty Advisory Committee – A designee from each grade level, special subjects, and Special Education meet with the principal two (2) times a month to discuss educational issues, scheduling, professional development, etc. These discussions are then brought to grade level members during their weekly planning periods.

Proficiency Committees – Math and ELA – Analyzes data and makes suggestions to improve testing results and teaching strategies. These teams reconvene after MCAS results are made public, and meets throughout the school year.

Student Assistance Team – At his/her request, a designated team meets with a teacher to discuss concerns regarding a specific student. The teacher reviews all accommodations and strategies used to date. The team suggests additional approaches and arranges for a follow-up conference.

Grant Committee – Once a month, grant opportunities are reviewed and the committee determines if we are eligible and who will be responsible for initiating the process.

Goals for the School Council include:

- Students will be able to determine the appropriate steps and operations necessary to solve problems at all grade levels and apply them appropriately.
Strategies: Continued vertical articulation with the Math Specialist as liaison between grade levels through attendance at monthly meetings, and use of Exemplars - “Looking at Student Work”, to determine areas of weaknesses.
- Students will be able to correctly solve and explain the solution of Math examples comparing decimals and fractions
Strategies: AAA Math site, interactive representation with Mimio lessons, extend to areas of special subjects (Art, Music, Physical Education)
- Students will correctly identify the geometric shapes identified for mastery at their grade level by the curriculum frameworks. Students will also be able to draw these shapes and describe their attributes.
Strategies: Provide opportunities to explore websites with shapes and use interac-

tive whiteboards for students to create and identify shapes, and continue use of manipulatives.

- Students will be able to identify the type of question being asked and monitor their own text comprehension, and increase proficiency in responding to literature in oral and written form.

Strategies: Continue QAR, test taking strategy practice, use of Literature Circle format, more class discussions, Study Island Reading - expand lessons, and use of "Looking at Student Work" at staff meetings.

- Students will be able to correctly identify the main idea in a paragraph and the supporting details.

Strategies: Use of interactive websites for whole group discussion, continue to practice highlighting, skimming, retelling, summarizing, and use of graphic organizers.

- Students will be able to analyze and correctly interpret poetry and plays both orally and with written responses.

Strategies: Have children interpret and engage in plays, and use of Websites listed on: <http://www.atlanticava.org/WebandCamSites/Poetry.htm>. Plan Family Math Night for students in Primary Grades.

- Plan Fun Fitness Day II - Indoor activities all students can successfully participate in, scheduled to take place on a Saturday in the gym. Emphasis will be on having fun, contributing to a team, and encouraging all participants. Extend to classroom application to promote better understanding and acceptance of similarities and differences in others.

- Expand Funding Opportunities

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Ray Badger was the recipient of the Golden Apple Award this year. His colleagues chose him for his exceptional investment in the school and his admirable work ethic.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Lion's Club, Dandi-lions, Daisies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Pop Warner Cheerleaders, Police, Fire, Funding Factory supporters, and the paper-recycling program.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie McMahon, Principal
Dighton Elementary School

D.L. BECKWITH MIDDLE SCHOOL

As principal of the Dorothy L. Beckwith Middle School, I hereby submit my annual report for the calendar year ending December 31, 2007.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The following changes took effect during this calendar year: In June 2007 James Digits Grade Seven Social Studies teacher, Elizabeth Hood Seventh and Eighth Grade French and Spanish teacher, Richard Kaiser art teacher and Patricia Merchanthouse, School Nurse, retired. Jessica Burt and Elizabeth Sherry, One-to-One Instructional Learning Assistants, transitioned to Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School with their students. Some staff changes were necessitated by modifications made to our academic programming thus the following positions were filled: Sean Wharton was appointed Seventh Grade Social Studies teacher, Jeffrey Collard was appointed Art teacher, Sarah Arruda was appointed Seventh Grade Math teacher, Arlene Parella was appointed Seventh and Eighth Grade Math teacher, Deborah Maldonado was appointed SIMS teacher, Carminda Rocha was appointed general Music/Choral instructor and Cathy Mondor was appointed School Nurse. Susan Rebello and Jill Berry have transitioned to Beckwith Middle School from Palmer River Elementary School with their students as One-to-One aides. Linda Sousa, Fifth Grade Special Education teacher, and Caroline Conaty, Eighth Grade Spanish teacher, were granted one-year maternity leaves. Jesse Armell, formerly our Sixth Grade Special Education teacher, requested and was granted a one-year position as Fifth Grade Special Education teacher, and Caroline Wiggett was hired for a one-year position as Sixth Grade Special Education teacher, when this position was vacated by Jesse Armell. Cynthia Davis was hired to replace Dawnne Steele as Math Instructional Learning Assistant when Dawnne was offered and accepted a Math tutor position at Dighton Middle School. Ann McLean, formerly a school year office secretary, was appointed as SIMS Instructional Learning Assistant. Budget constraints led to the loss of four (4) positions.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The Beckwith faculty, staff and administration continue to develop their skills through attendance at workshops, courses and seminars. All new teachers in the district must take a course entitled, Understanding Teaching.

Teachers, staff members and administration were involved in workshops offered by the school district and outside organizations. Fifth Grade teachers, Elizabeth Crohan, Lynn Peachwall and Maura Santoro attended the summer "Tech Savvy" course offered to teachers in the district. Teachers were encouraged to explore different components of technological hardware/software, and were asked to select a specific project that would be beneficial to use in the classroom with students. Participants were given access to www.atomiclearning.com and were required to complete all of the introductory courses to Internet Searching related to their specific project.

In addition to professional development points, one mobile cart with a laptop computer, digital projector, video camera and printer was awarded to each team of teachers. This cart is used on a daily basis in one of the classrooms and has been instrumental in bringing technology to life.

PROGRAMMING AND CURRICULUM

Curricula are reviewed and revised on a regular basis in the school district. The Science Curriculum Team met to discuss alignment, sequencing and pacing and the district-wide Sci-

ence curriculum plan. The Mathematics Curriculum Team has been reviewing textbooks and will make a decision regarding a district-wide instructional resource. All curriculum teams will continue to meet to develop district-wide assessments that will help to guide instruction and inform teachers about student mastery of the material.

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) was administered to all students in Grade Eight (English Language & Literature, Mathematics, Science & Technology/Engineering); Grade Seven (English Language & Literature, ELA Composition, Mathematics, History & Social Science); Grade Six (English Language & Literature, Mathematics); and Grade Five (English Language & Literature, Mathematics, Science & Technology/Engineering, History & Social Science) in May of 2007.

Administration and faculty continue to use TestWiz to analyze MCAS statistical data. Information gathered is used to determine areas of strengths and weaknesses in our curriculum allowing us to make necessary changes to ensure that all students are provided with a challenging program of studies. In addition to making appropriate changes to our curriculum, the data analysis helps us to identify students who would benefit from additional instruction and specifies what areas are their weakest.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Due to budget cuts and constraints, the after-school activities program was funded through user fees paid by students who wished to participate. The after-school user fee was increased from \$30.00 to \$50.00 which enabled any student to participate in any and all of the activities. After school programs included art club, floor hockey, French, intramural basketball, flag football, soccer, cross country, knitting, and more.

Thanks to Mr. Kenney's persistence and perseverance with the fund raising efforts, our students were once again given the opportunity to participate in the Massasoit League programs. Students who participated in interscholastic programs were required to pay a user fee to compensate for the costs associated with the program that the fundraising money was not able to cover. The fee for our Math and Spelling Teams was \$50.00 per student. The fee for boys and girls basketball, baseball, and softball was \$100.00 per student. Fees were determined by taking the costs of the programs (coach/advisor stipend, transportation, officials, etc.) and dividing it among the participants. Costs percentages were equitable between the academic and sport teams.

The Student Council is an important student organization that works to help our school and community. Beckwith students worked hard on the annual food drive that provides much needed non-perishable items and money to the Rehoboth Food Pantry.

D.L. Beckwith Middle School was nominated as a "Speak Up 100 School" for encouraging student voices on education issues. Schools were nominated based on the total 2006 student participation, total years involved in "Speak Up" and the use of "Speak Up" data to inform local decision-making. Our "Speak Up" data was used to build the technology (infrastructure, computers and software) lines of our 2007-2008 school budget.

The Raiders Boys Basketball Team completed one of the most successful seasons in school history. The team finished with a league best of fifteen wins to be awarded the Massasoit League Title for the first time in over a decade.

The Lady Raiders Basketball Team was invited and played at Providence College during half-time of the women's game.

The Lady Raiders Softball Team completed an outstanding spring season finishing as Massasoit League 2006-2007 Champions.

Under the direction of Mr. Digits, Seventh and Eighth Grade students were tested for a chance to compete in the school-level Geography Bee. The following top ten students (listed alphabetically) participated in a school-level competition: John Cordeiro, Nick Loven, Emily Martin, Ian Medeiros, Tim Powis, Brittany Reed, Joe Sherry, Kyle Silva, Michael Silvestri and Sean Turner. After some difficult questions, tense moments, and student eliminations, our winner was determined to be Ian Medeiros with Brittany Reed named as runner-up. Ian went on to compete at the state-level competition held at Clark University in Worcester.

Each year, John Hopkins University conducts an academic talent search for students in Grades 5 through 8. Students are chosen to participate based on their academic performance. Students must rank in the 95th percentile on their MCAS test in order to be chosen to participate. I am proud to announce that nineteen (19) of our students were selected based upon their achievement.

Mr. Kaiser's Art students, Amanda Louro, Ashley Machado, Stefanie Rupp and Mason Saleeba were named first runner-up for the Brighams Ice Cream's "2007 Kidspeak Make a Lid'L Difference Challenge". Students had to create a work of art using ice cream lids depicting an issue of importance to them. Our students chose war, terrorism and the fallen heroes of war. For winning first runner-up our entire school was treated to a Brigham's ice cream party.

Each year two (2) students from the Eighth Grade graduating class are nominated by their teachers to participate in the Annual Scholar Leader Banquet held at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA. This event affords middle-level educators an opportunity to publicly recognize students who have distinguished themselves as having character and integrity and are positive role models for their peers. Our scholar leaders for 2007 were Amanda Louro and Mason Saleeba. Amanda had the honor of introducing the guest speaker, Steve Lacy of Channel 5 News, who had graduated from Dighton Middle School some years ago.

Last May, three (3) Beckwith Middle School musicians auditioned for the South Eastern Massachusetts School Bandmasters Association (SEMSBA). The students were Gunnar Manchester, Robert Coolidge and Danielle Witter. Competition was incredibly high at this district level and we are proud to announce that Danielle Witter qualified to participate as a soprano in the chorus, Gunnar Manchester qualified as a violinist and Robert Coolidge qualified as clarinetist.

Three (3) Beckwith Middle School students auditioned for the South Eastern Massachusetts Music Educators Association (SEMMEA) this past December. The three students were Emily Martin, Nicolas Dundas and Raquel Perez. Nicolas auditioned as a tenor and Raquel auditioned as a soprano for the chorus while Emily auditioned as a violinist. After an outstanding performance by all three students, all were accepted. We are very proud of these students and wish them continued success.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993 required all schools in the Commonwealth to form School Councils. Our School Council members are as follows: Mr. Jesse Armell, teacher; Mr. Tim Kelly, teacher; Mr. Steve Patrick, teacher; Ms. Jean Sidok, office manager serving as community representative; Mr. Raymond Medeiros, parent; Mrs. Beth Buvarsky-Masse, parent; Mrs. Jeanine Achin, parent; and Mrs. Debra Pincince, principal. We are still looking for one additional parent to serve on the council and wish to thank Mrs. Lisa Blanck and Ms. Siobhan Ryan, whose term ended in June 2007, for their participation on the School Council. The Beckwith School Council has been working on refining the evaluation and revision of our School Improvement Plan.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Financial constraints affect the educational programming at Beckwith Middle School. Costs of supplies and materials continue to rise but our teachers persevere with fewer resources with which to teach their curricula. Teaching positions were cut which led to much higher class sizes in several cases exceeding thirty (30) students per class. The faculty and staff of Beckwith Middle School are one of the finest groups of educators with which I have ever had the pleasure to work. They continue to work diligently despite the obstacles; their determination to provide our students with the best education possible is not only admirable but commendable.

In conclusion I wish to thank the people of Rehoboth who support our students and schools in numerous ways. I appreciate your efforts and look forward to future collaboration.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Pincince, Principal
D.L. Beckwith Middle School

PALMER RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

I hereby submit the annual report as principal of the Palmer River Elementary School, for the calendar year ending December 31, 2007. The elementary school is a fully integrated school from Pre-School through Grade 4.

PERSONNEL

Hired in 2007 as members of the Palmer River Elementary School teaching staff were the following: Rebecca Glynn, .5 Preschool teacher; Katie Tomlinson and Debra Rossi were approved to job share a Kindergarten position; Grace Payne, Kindergarten ILA (Instructional Learning Assistant); and Tammi Hipolito Life Program ILA.

ENROLLMENT

As of December 21, 2007 Palmer River Elementary School's total enrollment for Pre-K through Grade 4 is 747 students. This enrollment figure does not include the three (3) South Coast Collaborative programs that are part of the school's daily schedule. The grade level structure (with the exception of Kindergarten) is as follows: Grade 1 - six classes; Grade 2 - six classes; Grade 3 - six classes; and Grade 4 - six classes. This is a reduction of one classroom from the previous year. There are 6.5 Kindergarten half-day sessions. The Pre-School program consists of Pint of Peanuts AM and PM sessions, Little Learner AM only, and Hand-and-Hand (4) full days. The average class size varies from seventeen (17) students (Kindergarten) to twenty-nine (29) students (Grade 4).

CURRICULUM AND OTHER PROGRAMS

New curriculum initiatives and programs highlight the current school year. The staff continued to implement the Collins "Writing Across The Curriculum" Program. This program has been highly successful and well received by the entire staff. At present, all of our teachers have been trained in the Collins program to ensure consistency and sustainability across grade levels. The Open Court Phonics program is now visible in all Grade K through Grade 2 classes. Many of our teachers have previously participated in Guided Reading professional development and course work. Our teachers continue to implement the strategies learned into their classroom instruction. Students' level book libraries, which are critical to the success of this program, continue to be a priority. The teachers are exploring Reading Programs that we would like to pilot next fall. This will be a year long endeavor; and will encompass site visits, publishers' presentations, and a committee of peers to make recommendations to the Principals, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent. The Kindergarten and Grade 1 teachers have piloted the "Investigations" Math Program. We continue to explore Math programs that will best meet all of our students needs. Previously, our Grade 3 and 4 grade teachers have served on a "Teaching American History" grant project. With the approved town warrant monies, we were able to supply our classrooms with complete sets of Social Science textbooks to enhance student learning. District-wide committee work in the areas of Physical Education, Health, Arts, and Science will continue, and they will be developing curriculum guides for all of our classroom teachers.

In the Accelerated Reader Program, we continue to assess our students' reading levels/abilities (specific grades only), in order to provide guided reading instruction at the appropriate level. Our literacy goal is to offer our students a balanced literacy program.

Through a Department of Education grant, we were able to work with Amanda Ryan, Ph.D, Ideal Consulting Services, Inc., to provide training and support for the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assessment tool. This assessment tool is used to assess our students' reading skills. All of our teachers have been trained, and all of our students have been tested.

A review of Palmer River's Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) scores indicates that our students demonstrate weaknesses in the area of Mathematics. Many of our students have not met 'Proficient' range of performance. Our data reveals a specific weakness in student performance on open response questions. We are moving ahead to further strengthen our Mathematics and ELA (English/Language Arts) scores by developing an action plan that can guide our focus and help our students. Our goal is to develop instructional activities that will enhance each student's understanding of learning concepts, and to supplement the curriculum. "Student Success Plans" will be written for all students in the 'Needs Improvement' and 'Warning' categories. Under the direction of our Title One teacher, a before and after school program has been offered and many students have signed up. A MCAS night for parents in grades 3 and 4 is planned for January 23, 2008. Research supports that student success is greater when families and schools are working together. Palmer River's English/Language Arts (ELA) program remains at a stable level. Movement toward more students scoring at an 'Advanced' and 'Proficient' level remains our primary goal.

Our Report Card Revision Committee has worked diligently to develop a draft standard based report card with corresponding progress reviews. State frameworks have raised the bar to meet a demanding curriculum schedule, and it is imperative that we reflect this alignment in our student's report cards. Last summer a group of teachers reviewed selected report cards, made recommendations and revisions, and presented a draft to their colleagues. The professional development day activities have centered on district-wide discussion, review and revision of the draft to be submitted for approval. We look forward to presenting the draft to the School Council for their feedback.

The School Council will move forward with its goals and improvements for the 2007-2008 school year. Focus of our goals include: High Expectations for Student Achievement; Safety and Well Being; Playground Revitalization; and Increased Communication with Families. We continue to seek community volunteers to help with our literacy program "Project Story Boost." This literacy initiative helps our at-risk Kindergarten students, and for the last three (3) years has continued to be very successful. The council has worked very hard to support programs that will offer the Palmer River families information and guidance to help their children. Several evening programs have been organized and planned for the next few months. During the month of January, the Council will be hosting an MCAS Open House, which will provide families with information about the test and how they can support their child. Several activity stations will be offered: MCAS: The Nuts and Bolts; Back to School; Come to the Island; and Hands On MCAS. During the month of February, a Safety and Wellness Evening will be presented. Several presentations will be offered: 5-2-1 Jump presented by Blue Cross and Blue Shield; Cyberspace Safety presented by the Rehoboth Police; an anti-bullying program presented by Judy Sheehan, MS, RN, Director of Nursing Education at Butler Hospital who will share some very valuable information; and nutrition specialists from Hannaford Supermarket will be on hand to share some healthy tips and offer suggestions for healthy snack choices. We will continue to educate ourselves and provide support for our students regarding this very important topic. To address our goal of increasing communication, our council has developed a web page that can be accessed through the DR Regional Website (drregional.org).

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Our teachers and students continue to actively communicate with our troops overseas. Many letters have been sent to our soldiers from the students. This is a wonderful way for us to foster writing skills.

Colonel Lydon once again came to speak to our students during his return visit home from Afghanistan. He spent time in our classrooms sharing his experiences and telling how very similar children are around the world. It was so informative and gave our 4th graders first hand knowledge of a different country and culture. We were able to collect many needed items that were sent to our troops in Afghanistan. What a wonderful opportunity to show these brave soldiers how much we appreciate their service to our country. We will continue throughout the year to practice our writing skills by sending letters and notes to our soldiers overseas.

During the month of November are students participated in Family Literacy Month. We all know that students perform better in school when they are reading, writing and participating in literacy activities with their families. One simple way to celebrate literacy was to turn off the T.V., and spend time with their child experiencing the pleasure of reading. We hope many families decided to grab a good book and enjoy the adventure!

Drs. George, Romani, & Jaffe Orthodontic Partners have sponsored a Reading Rocks program to encourage our students to read. The children are encouraged to record the number of pages they are reading each month at home. In turn classrooms will be selected to receive a \$100.00 incentive each month. Dr. George has been kind enough to come by each month to deliver the \$100.00 to the winning classroom. Mrs. DelPrete and Mrs. Lydons' classrooms read well over 7,000 pages, and were selected as the lucky winners. At the end of the year a student from each grade will also receive an additional reward for reading the most pages. The sponsors will also gift \$2,000.00 to the school for our outstanding efforts at the end of the program year.

Many thanks to our PTSA for sponsoring the multitude of cultural events that has and will take place at Palmer River. Each kindergarten class went on a field trip to Four Town Farm in Seekonk. The first grades visited the Providence Children's Museum. The second graders will visit a sheep pasture in Easton to study the Wampanoag Indians. The Grade 3 classes visited Plimouth Plantation in preparation for a unit on Native Americans and the early settlers. Family Fall Festival was a great success. The annual "Penny Drive", will be held this spring by our Grade 3 children, which will coincide with a visit to the Hornbine School, with raising money for the "Hornbine School Association." Our Grade 4 students will visit the Carpenter Museum "Life in Colonial Times", and take a trip to North Kingstown to learn about Biomes and Marine wildlife.

The RI Philharmonic is coming to perform Peter and the Wolf. Prokofiev's classic fable will be performed by members of the Woodwind Quintet. This program will begin with an explanation of the scientific principles of the flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn. A demonstration of each instrument will be provided for our students' enjoyment. In the spring, Bill Harley will once again delight our children the opportunity to sing along and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

Johnson and Wales Culinary students will present a "Breakfast Awareness Program". They will speak to our students about the importance of starting their day with a healthy breakfast. We hope the children will share some of the great information they learn that day with their families. Making healthy food choices, eating a good breakfast, reading food labels, and being physically active every day are great messages for all of us to hear in such a fun, interactive way.

We are grateful to our Rehoboth Firefighters for offering “The Student Awareness of Fire Education” (S.A.F.E.) and Ice Safety Programs to our students. Through this partnership our students are offered very informative safety programs at school.

FACULTY AND STAFF

We have many staff members that continue to improve their professional skills by taking workshops and attending conferences. Various workshops in the areas of art education, literacy, math, leadership, guided reading, autism, technology, and student disabilities have been attended. The principal has attended a Northeast ASCD Affiliate Conference/Institute: Andrew Platt and Carolyn Tripp The Skillful Leader II: “Confronting Malfunctioning Groups and Building Accountable Communities”; and “The Breakthrough Coach/ How to Work Less, Play More, & Still Get the Job Done in a Normal School Work Week”. In addition, the principal participated in the following web-seminars: Dealing with Negative Attitudes in the Workplace, Alexander Hamilton Institute Web Conference presenter: Steve Gilliland, CSP, What REALLY Makes an Assessment Formative presenter Rick Stiggins and New Paths to School Safety and Security presenters Paul Kesner, U.S. Department of Education, Willie Freeman, Director of Security/Chief Investigator for Newark Public Schools and Scott Poland, School Psychologist.

SCHOOL AS A MEMBER OF THE REHOBOTH COMMUNITY

We have participated in many fund-raising programs in support of: the Rehoboth Animal Shelter, the Helping Hands Project and Food Pantry, the Canned Food Drive, as well as collected individual donations for community families and those in need. The staff and students at Palmer River continue to reach out to those less fortunate. We are proud of our contribution to the many worthwhile organizations.

Finally, I look forward to my work at the Palmer River Elementary School. The partnership between school, home, and community is essential for the success of our students and future citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. McSweeney, Principal
Palmer River Elementary School

**DIGHTON-REHOBOTH
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1 , 2006 – JUNE 30, 2007**

Receipts:

Assessments Member Towns	18,274,979.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Chapter 70, School AID	12,033,760.00
Transportation	762,833.00
S.B.A.B. Capital Projects	1,949,106.00
Miscellaneous	30,958.07
Medicare Reimbursements	34,697.36
Circuit Breaker – Commonwealth of Massachusetts	331,985.00
Grants	732,740.50
Interest	80,086.28
District Cafeteria	790,934.80
Revolving Accounts	573,070.46
 Total	 35,594,950.47

Expenditures:

Operating Budget Expenditures	28,865,738.47
Capital Budget Expenditures	2,771,392.49
Grant Expenditures	802,402.16
Revolving Account Expenditures	714,390.45
Circuit Breaker – Commonwealth of Massachusetts	331,985.00
Warrant Payable & Old Bills From FY06	938,556.35
District Cafeteria	795,152.95
 Total	 35,219,617.87

FUND EQUITY ACCOUNTS

#2601

ATHLETIC REVOLVING- D-R

July 1, 2006	Balance			21,194.80
Receipts:	Calendar Sales	15,390.00		
	Game Receipts	13,824.00		
	Parking Permits	24,590.00		
	User Fees	70,230.00		
	Miscellaneous	<u>9,149.10</u>		<u>133,183.10</u>
				154,377.90
Expenditures:	Calendar Expenses	9,834.25		
	Banquet, Awards, Gifts	9,015.89		
	Medical	2,807.48		
	Town Services	4,405.40		
	Capital Expenses	22,086.11		
	Athletic Supplies	48,272.96		
	Winter Track	2,379.75		
	Payroll	9,372.57		
	Reconditioning/Repair of Equipment	6,509.03		
	Miscellaneous	<u>6,546.60</u>		<u>121,230.04</u>
June 30, 2007	BALANCE			33,147.86

#2602 - 2603

CAFETERIA - DISTRICT

July 1, 2006	Balance			127,224.42
Receipts:	Student/Milk/Alacarte	596,529.41		
	Adult	20,510.57		
	Other	<u>13,168.82</u>	630,208.80	
	Commonwealth of Mass.		155,476.59	
	Interest		4,223.87	
	Meals Tax		1,025.54	
	No Check (Comm. of Mass.)		<u>1,777.70</u>	<u>792,712.50</u>
				919,936.92
Expenditures:	Payroll	22,470.34		
	Food Service Contract	712,024.62		
	Food	88.48		
	Supplies/Other	1,729.41		
	Unemployment Compensation	48,974.44		
	Equipment - Replacements	1,817.78		
	Equipment	779.98		
	Equipment - Maintenance and Repairs	<u>6,320.91</u>	794,205.96	
	Meals Tax		946.99	
	No Check (Commodities)		<u>1,777.70</u>	
June 30, 2007	BALANCE			<u>796,930.65</u>
				123,006.27

#2617

D-R CONSTRUCTION

July 1, 2006	Balance			71,814.96
Receipts:	Transfer From: Fund Equity Reserved D-R Capital Improvements (Ventilation)	6,900.00		
	Transfer From: Fund Equity Reserved D-R Capital Improvements (Waste System)	60,000.00		<u>66,900.00</u>
				138,714.96
Expenditures:	Plaque	1,155.00		
	Ventilation	40,411.50		
	Waste System	40,635.95		
	Returned To Fund Equity Reserved D-R Capital Improvements (Issuance Costs)	<u>35,248.46</u>		<u>117,450.91</u>
June 30, 2007	BALANCE			21,264.05

#2620

C.S.F. – DIGHTON - REHOBOTH CITIZENS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

July 1, 2006	Balance	88,875.83
Receipts:	Interest	<u>479.69</u>
		89,355.52
Expenditures:	Returned to Foundation	<u>89,355.52</u>
June 30, 2007	BALANCE	0.00

#3000

FUND EQUITY RESERVED – ASSESSMENT REDUCTION

July 1, 2006	Balance	344,268.00
Receipts:	Transfer From Fund Equity Unreserved	<u>125,131.00</u>
		469,399.00
Expenditures:	Assessment Reduction F/Y 2007	<u>344,268.00</u>
June 30, 2007	BALANCE (operating & capital assessment reduction FY 08)	125,131.00

#3001

FUND EQUITY RESERVED – D-R CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

July 1, 2006	Balance		103,020.21
Receipts:	Interest Earned	8,041.95	
	Transfer From: Old Bills	250,000.00	
	Transfer From: Construction Account	<u>35,248.46</u>	<u>293,290.41</u>
			396,310.62
Expenditures:	Transfer To: Construction Account		<u>66,900.00</u>
June 30, 2007	BALANCE		329,410.62

#3010

FUND EQUITY – UNRESERVED

July 1, 2006	Balance		760,977.71
Receipts:	Close Out - Estimated Receipts	170,041.13	
	Close Out - Bills From Previous Years	110,103.14	
	Close Out - Budget Surplus F/Y 07	267,184.06	
	Close Out - Cobra	140.10	
	Close Out - Interest Received	72,044.33	
	Close Out - Miscellaneous Accounts	4,292.90	<u>623,805.66</u>
			1,384,783.37
Expenditures:	Transfer To Unemployment Account	30,000.00	
	Transfer To Assessment Reduction F/Y 08	<u>125,131.00</u>	<u>155,131.00</u>
June 30, 2007	BALANCE		1,229,652.37

DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET ACCOUNTS F/Y 2007

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Misc. Income</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Warrant Payable</u>	<u>Encumbrances & Acct. Payable</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1000 Administration	977,090.00	1,200.00	900,258.56	2,382.65	49,299.36	26,349.43
2000 Instructional	13,070,937.00	10,601.40	12,762,452.05	38,636.19	276,726.97	3,723.19
3000 Other School Services	1,331,214.00	0.00	1,338,469.43	161.76	1,469.85	(8,887.04)
4000 Operation & Maint Plant	3,056,326.00	664.07	2,612,254.12	8,372.93	379,100.75	57,262.27
5000 Fixed Charges	4,454,133.00	6,994.17	4,256,240.28	51.00	207.96	204,627.93
7000 Acquisition Fixed Assets	12,550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,500.00
9000 Programs Other Districts	12,190.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,209.28	6,980.72
Special Education Program	6,846,350.00	57.50	6,316,746.44	137,148.62	434,784.53	(42,272.09)
Vocational Day Program	<u>707,250.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>679,317.59</u>	<u>6,149.12</u>	<u>15,333.64</u>	<u>6,849.65</u>
Totals	30,468,040.00	19,917.14	28,865,738.47	192,902.27	1,162,132.34	267,184.06

D-R OPERATING BUDGET ACCOUNTS F/Y 2007

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Misc. Income</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Warrant Payable</u>	<u>Encumbrances & Acct. Payable</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1000 Administration	977,090.00	1,200.00	900,258.56	2,382.65	49,299.36	26,349.43
2000 Instructional	4,530,589.00	6,010.45	4,447,797.44	20,834.08	65,019.01	3,038.92
3000 Other School Services	629,959.00	0.00	639,465.80	116.00	237.65	(9,860.45)
4000 Operation & Maint Plant	1,220,018.00	568.82	1,027,076.48	3,783.73	153,559.69	36,166.92
5000 Fixed Charges	1,690,814.00	1,868.14	1,566,207.80	6.00	0.00	126,468.34
7000 Acquisition Fixed Assets	12,550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,500.00
9000 Programs Other Districts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Education Program	943,588.00	57.50	880,086.05	2,708.45	5,218.89	55,632.11
Vocational Day Program	<u>707,250.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>679,317.59</u>	<u>6,149.12</u>	<u>15,333.64</u>	<u>6,849.65</u>
Totals	10,711,858.00	10,104.91	10,140,119.72	35,980.03	288,668.24	257,194.92

DIGHTON K-8 OPERATING BUDGET ACCOUNTS F/Y 2007

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Misc. Income</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Warrant Payable</u>	<u>Encumbrances & Acct. Payable</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2000 Instructional	3,961,166.00	1,575.00	3,905,021.54	3,620.65	63,367.00	(9,268.19)
3000 Other School Services	308,420.00	0.00	306,527.53	0.00	988.50	903.97
4000 Operation & Maint Plant	846,840.00	95.25	740,002.32	618.41	95,890.81	10,423.71
5000 Fixed Charges	1,056,540.00	2,242.42	1,051,055.57	3.00	0.00	7,723.85
7000 Acquisition Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9000 Programs Other Districts	8,307.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,115.70	6,191.30
Special Education Program	<u>2,555,818.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,285,742.94</u>	<u>50,939.00</u>	<u>230,339.16</u>	<u>(11,203.12)</u>
Totals	8,737,091.00	3,912.67	8,288,349.90	55,181.06	392,701.19	4,771.52

REHOBOTH K-8 OPERATING BUDGET ACCOUNTS F/Y 2007

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Misc. Income</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Warrant Payable</u>	<u>Encumbrances & Acct. Payable</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2000 Instructional	4,579,182.00	3,015.00	4,409,723.07	14,181.46	148,340.96	9,952.46
3000 Other School Services	392,835.00	0.00	392,476.10	45.76	243.70	69.44
4000 Operation & Maint Plant	989,468.00	0.00	845,175.32	3,970.79	129,650.25	10,671.64
5000 Fixed Charges	1,706,779.00	2,883.61	1,638,976.91	42.00	207.96	70,435.74
7000 Acquisition Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9000 Programs Other Districts	3,883.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,093.58	789.42
Special Education Program	<u>3,346,944.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,150,917.45</u>	<u>83,501.17</u>	<u>199,226.46</u>	<u>(86,701.08)</u>
Totals	11,019,091.00	5,899.56	10,437,268.85	101,741.18	480,762.91	5,217.62

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Timothy Lynch was re-elected to Board of Sewer Commissioners in March of 2007; also, he was voted Clerk of the Commission. William Costa remains Chairman and Gregory Olsen is the third member.

Sewer rates for the second half of fiscal year 2007 were billed in February of 2007. For the fiscal year 2008, (billings in August 2007 and February 2008) the Board of Sewer Commissioners voted to raise rates. An additional \$10.00 per unit for residential and non residential users was added. Residential users are still billed at 80% of water usage but the rate per cubic foot has increased from .017 to .02. All non-residential users are billed at 100% of water usage. The usage rate for all other types of users has also increased; commercial and municipal from .019/cf to .022/cf, small industry from .035/cf to .045/cf and large industry from .045/cf to .052/cf.

The Sewer Commission is still in negotiations with The City of Taunton in relation to the wastewater disposal contract renewal. The Board is working under the guidance of Attorney Joseph Cove and Joseph Boccadoro from Earth Tech Engineering.

The Town Hall Pump Station upgrade is now complete. Also, Phase I of a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan has been completed by Earth Tech.

Sewer Superintendent's Report

The Dighton Sewer Department pumped a total of 50,885,370 gallons of sewage to the city of Taunton's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Six (6) permits were issued and six (6) tie-ins were completed in 2007.

Preventative maintenance continues to be performed on all five of the towns pump stations. Each station is overseen on a daily basis by Sewer Department employees.

I wish to again thank Assistant Superintendent, Richard Kotouch , Bill Lopes and Greg Olsen for their continued dedication and support. I also wish to thank the Board of Sewer Commissioners for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold J. Gracia, Jr.
Sewer Superintendent

In conclusion the Board wishes to thank Harold Gracia, Jr. and all other Sewer Department employees for their dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS
William Costa, Chairman
Gregory Olsen
Timothy Lynch, Clerk

VETERANS' AGENT

At the time of this report there are seven active cases on the Dighton Veterans' Services rolls.

The budget guidelines are under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 115, 108 CMR.

The town is reimbursed 75% of all benefits paid out for Veterans and their dependents. The amount of reimbursement for this year is \$29,661.95. Please note that the State runs a year behind for reimbursements. The above figure is for January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

Veterans' Services appropriation for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 has been leveled funded.

The town's Memorial Day Parade was a big success. Thanks to all of our Veterans and to the VFW Post 2094 for organizing the parade. This year the Veteran of the Year was John "Jack" Crawford. Jack is a life member of the VFW Post 2094 and served in WWII and the European African Middle Eastern Theater.

A special "Thank You" goes out to the Dighton Garden Club for doing a great job maintaining our town's War Memorials.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help the Veterans' Graves Officer put flags in the Town cemeteries for Memorial Day please call the Veterans office at 508-669-5027.

If you are a Veteran and you're looking for help enrolling in the VA Health Care System please call our office at 508-669-5027. Office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. The Town Office closes at noon on Fridays.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the Veterans' Services. Secretary Glenna Smith and all the other departments that help make our office effective and efficient to meet the needs of Dighton's Veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Woods, Jr.
Veterans' Agent

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

During the year 2007, the ZBA held a total of 8 hearings where property owners in the Town of Dighton sought Special Permits or Variances.

The board grants variances when desirable relief can be granted without substantially derogating from the intent and purposes of the Zoning By-Law, because the By-Law specifically provides for granting a variance where a substantial hardship exists. To deny the petition by insisting upon a literal enforcement of the By-Law, would deprive the owner reasonably advantageous use of the property.

It is important that the all interested parties attend these hearings to give input so the ZBA can make a decision.

Lastly, we would wish to thank our Secretary/Clerk Kerrie J. Easterday, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer Joe Lawrence, and all other Town personnel for their help.

Respectfully submitted,

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Joseph P. Pacheco

Peter Caron

Kenneth J. Pacheco

Robert W. Adams, Sr.

Kenneth Rebello

E. Bud Whalon







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Town Offices are open
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and
Wednesday Evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.,
and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

Selectmen and Board of Health Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Board of Assessors Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board First & Third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Cable Committee Second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission Second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Council on Aging Second Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln Village
Finance Committee Third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
D-R Regional School Committee Second & Fourth Tuesdays
 Annual Meeting Second Tuesday in April
Playground Commission Second Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Sewer Commission Second & Fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Soil Conservation First Monday every other month at 7:00 p.m.
Housing Authority Second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Village

AMBULANCE 669-6767
ANIMAL INSPECTOR 252-3541
ASSESSORS 669-5043
BUILDING INSPECTOR 669-4524
COUNCIL ON AGING 823-0095
DOG OFFICER 677-3137
FIRE DEPARTMENT 669-6767
POLICE DEPARTMENT 669-6711
PUBLIC LIBRARY 669-6421
PLANNING BOARD 669-6636
PLUMBING INSPECTOR 669-5702
SCHOOL NURSE 824-4491
SEALER OF WEIGHTS 669-5258
SEWER COMMISSION 669-5111
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE & BOARD OF HEALTH 669-6431
STREET DEPARTMENT 669-5461
TOWN ACCOUNTANT 669-6011
TOWN CLERK, COLLECTOR & TREASURER 669-5411
VETERAN'S AGENT 669-5027

